

ON THE HORIZON

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General Membership Meeting

Cruising Tales with the Top Gun Cruisers

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

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

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

Top Gun Cruisers, Commander John Hall, AP and P/C Bernie Karpers, JN, will lead a discussion of the latest boating tales of our Squadron members. You don't want to miss it when our Top Gun Cruisers talk about their latest adventure on this year's Top Gun Cruise to Ocracoke Island.

Join in with fellow Squadron members and tell us about your summer boating experiences. Do you have something you would like to share? We would love to hear it.

Don't miss this meeting as we will also celebrate Founder's Day (Squadron was formed 9/11/61)!

Mark your calendars for the October 17th General Meeting when Fred Schwing will lead a discussion on "ENGINE MAINTENANCE". Do you have a problem area you would like discussed? Email it to: Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S at newborn@sudinasearch.com and Fred just might pick out your topic to discuss.

At our November 21st meeting, we will have Steve Heiger of SMS on "FALL PREP & WINTERIZATION".



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Respectfully submitted,
P/C Richard D. Bussey, P



**Join Us At Worton Creek
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COMMANDER

Wow I can't believe that the summer is almost over. We had a great summer and I hope you were able to participate in some of our events. The entire Bridge has worked hard this year to keep our meetings fun and informative. Each month we've got a great presentation and we have fun while taking care of a little business.

Dundalk was well represented at D5 Summer Rendezvous in Crisfield. This was my year to participate in the flag raising ceremony representing Dundalk. It is really quite impressive. All the commanders / representatives are dressed in their whites and the locals aren't quite sure what navy we're from.

Part of the weekend is the Summer Council. A resolution by Nansemond River was presented which would limit the amount of money that National and District could collect from the squadrons. This was a hotly contested vote. A show of hands was called for – it was too close to tell. Next came a roll call. - Squadron by Squadron. Then the District 5 Bridge. There was some question as to which bridge officers could vote. Finally the resolution was passed by a narrow margin. This will send it to the fall meeting to be discussed and voted on again. Dundalk can be very proud of the professional manner in which the District Secretary, Dundalk's own Fuzzy Jones, handled the vote.

Now the big part of the weekend is the Navigation contest. Last year it was cancelled due to the weather. This year it became even more controversial. First we had to scratch one boat from our team as Consiglia was having fuel problems. P/C Bernie Karpers and the crew of After Hours II stepped in to take their place. Alas our times were not so good. P/C Walter Neese and the crew of Rat Ark did very well with a 38 second error. My crew on Battlegwagon came in 2:46 early. After Hours II came in 5:53 early. Well it didn't look good, but who knows what everybody else has. We might be getting the LAST PLACE award of Sourpuss. This is a portrait of a very sour looking man. It is supposed to be presented at all District functions for the next year. They announced the results. Nansemond River – First place. Second place – nope not Dundalk. Only three teams so we must have Sourpuss! We had discussed this possibility in advance. When D/C Arlene Anderson started to award the third place plaque everyone and I do mean EVERYONE from Dundalk stormed the presentation area. We were cheering and yelling and celebrating. Arlene tried to hand me the third place plaque but we demanded Sourpuss. Everybody came up to take pictures of us. I got up on top of the table and hoisted Sourpuss over my head. If you didn't know any better you would have sworn Dundalk won first place. We celebrated so loudly that you might be convinced even IF you did know better. Then they announced the individual times. Oh my. Many of them were wrong. Very VERY wrong. Full protests were lodged. We couldn't get the results for two weeks. Finally they published the results. Well sadly we ended up in second place. No first place trophy. No Sourpuss either. We may have to lodge another protest!

Looking forward, District 5 will be hosting the National meeting in Norfolk September 4th- 9th. This is the closest the national meeting gets to us and it's a good chance to attend it. Our fall schedule is packed too. We're going to Worton Creek, Kentmoor, Cambridge and maybe even Chestertown, if the ice holds off.

I'm looking forward to hearing everyone's stories from the summer at our September meeting. See you there.

Respectfully submitted,
CDR John Hall, AP

Make Your Plans for our last 2 Cruises of the year!

October 19-21 Frostbite Cruise to Kentmoor Marina

November 2-4 Cruise to Visit Tall Ships in Chestertown

Details coming on www.uspsdundalk.org, at the September 19 General Meeting, and DSPS Discussion Group (can join on web site).

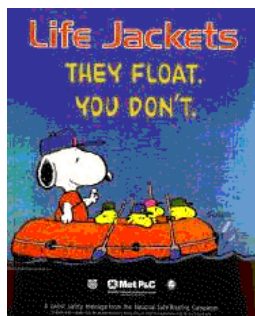
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We've had a beautiful summer so far here on the Chesapeake Bay. I hope everyone has had a chance to spend some time away from the dock and out on the water with their family and friends. It's so easy to grab a few towels, your bathing suits, and throw together a cooler with some sandwiches, snacks, and sodas. Enjoy these hot summer days, while we still have them. Remember to keep it simple, fun and safe.

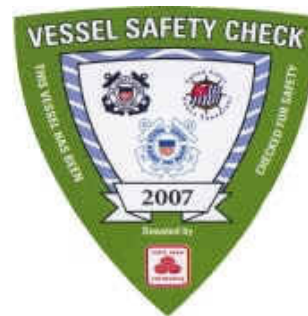
Speaking of safety, it's still not too late to get your vessel safety inspection. Are your PFD's in good serviceable condition? Do you have children or grandchildren who boat with you? Make sure you have the right size for each person on the boat and that they are readily accessible. What about your visual distress signals? Are they still current or have they expired? These questions and many more can be answered by one of our inspectors. It only takes a few minutes to go over all of your equipment. And if you are docked next to someone at your marina who doesn't have their safety inspection sticker, it's a perfect opportunity to suggest a VSC. It's a great way of introducing the squadron to a fellow boater.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next rendezvous.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Tracey Stuenes, P



Failure to wear a life vest, alcohol and inability to swim are factors in most of the 700 accidental boating deaths that occur each year in U.S. waters, according to a Gannett News Service analysis of boating accident data.



SQUADRON PROPERTY LOG

We are attempting to identify all Squadron property and where they are held. I will prepare a detailed log of all property identified by our members and will maintain this log as property is transferred from one member to another. Our log will only be accurate if all members having Squadron property in their possession notify me by e-mail or any other means. My e-mail address is wletsch@verizon.net.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience what property you have in your possession.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt Wm. Lane Letsch
Property Officer/Assistant Administrative Officer

EDUCATION OFFICER

As of this writing all items are current.

Our Public course schedule resumes with a Squadron Boating Course at Anchorage Marina, registration and first class to be held on September 11.

Member courses for the fall season are offered beginning in mid-September, listed with date, location and instructor, as follows:

Piloting	11 September	Maryland Presbyterian Church	Streett Broadbent
Marine Electronics	11 September	Maryland Presbyterian Church	Max Robinson
Engine Maintenance	13 September	Maryland Presbyterian Church	Fred Schwing
Junior Navigation	20 September	Instructor's Home	Dennis Henderson

Members should arrive at 7:30 pm on the date listed for course registration and the first class. If you have completed Advanced Piloting and would like to enroll in Junior Navigation, please contact me or the instructor directly to make arrangements.

If you are a new member, welcome to the squadron! We suggest you enroll in the Piloting class for the fall, as the logical next step in your boating education.

If you are looking for courses not listed above, please contact me. Other courses we offer: Weather, Sail, Cruise Planning, Instructor Development, Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, and Navigation.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Neese, Education Officer
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D/5 Happenings

2007 Sail Regatta — October 5-7 at the Cambridge Yacht Club

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

For more information and registration forms on these and other D/5 events, visit the D/5 web site:

www.uspsd5.org

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

As I write this, my family and I are preparing to shove off tomorrow morning for Summit North Marina and the start of this season's Commander's Cruise to Philadelphia. We've made several provisioning trips to the boat over the last week, and I think we're finally in good shape.

Your Squadron looks pretty good from the inside. Our web site has a few new pictures and links, with more to come. Cruises this season have been stellar so far, again with more to come. Membership is working hard, (and so should you), to keep finding new friends who understand the value of our mission. Ship's Store is also working to find a new supplier for our embroidered shirts, but we still have a few left if any of you need them.

Our membership meeting for August was fantastic and the upcoming meetings promise continued excellence. Make sure you mark your calendars for September now. If any of you have any ideas or suggestions for a speaker and/or topic for an upcoming membership meeting, be sure to let me know. You can also contact Dianne or Stuart Newborn, Meetings and Programs Committee, newborn@sudinasearch.com.

We had one new member at the meeting and he had a great time. If anyone knows someone who might enjoy a night out with us boating nuts, please invite them to a meeting. The next one will be at the Boulevard Diner on Wednesday, 19 September. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 8:00.

As always, if anyone has any questions, comments or concerns, I can be contacted by email at ao@uspsdundalk.org, or by cell phone at 410-456-5854. Please leave me a message if I am not able to answer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C David Seidenman, AP

D/5 NAV Contest Results

Due to errors in the original calculations, the corrected results were announced by D/C Arlene Anderson, AP at the Crab Feast at Haven Harbour. Dundalk moved up to 2nd place behind team winner Delaware River, who had the individual winner, JR's Toy, with a time of 2 seconds early. Nansemond finished 3rd and will be the recipient of Sourpuss, reluctantly given back to the District Commander by Dundalk.

Dundalk was led by Rat Ark, who finished 3rd with a time of 38 seconds late. Battlewagon finished 7th at 2:46 early and After Hours II was 10th at 5:53 early. Consiglia unfortunately had engine problems and was not able to compete. Full results will appear in the October issue.

DSPS Arrives at Rock Hall!

Over 30 boats and hundreds of DSPS and other D/5 members and friends came to Haven Harbour Marina for the annual DSPS Crab Feast on August 25. Many arrived on August 24 and participated in the **DSPS Elvis Clambake Party**, where a great time was had by all, as can be seen in the photos below. Don't miss the October issue for details and more photos from this great weekend!

Congratulations to P/Lt/C Barbara Blaker, AP, who won our 1st Poker Run after the final cards were drawn at the Crab Feast.



NEWS and VIEWS

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

Boating Industry
Friday August 17, 2007

Sea Tow releases boater education survey results!

Southold, N.Y. – Sea Tow Services International Inc. has released the results of its membership survey on mandatory recreational boater education, and more than 75 percent of respondents say they believe boater education should be mandatory, Sea Tow reported in a release yesterday. The online survey, which yielded over 3,000 responses in less than three days, was conducted late last month in preparation for Sea Tow's upcoming Boater Education Roundtable discussion. Ninety-two percent of the respondents were Sea Tow members. The survey also polled newcomers to boating (those with three years or less experience). A resounding 93.3% indicated it was important for them to have had some form of education prior to, or in conjunction with, entering the sport.

According to Sea Tow president, Capt. Keith Cummings, "Nearly one-third of the survey respondents also told us about incidents they've witnessed or been directly involved in that could have been avoided had one or both parties been better educated. "Their comments are very much in line with the incident reports we receive from our franchise network of over 700 captains and crew, which show a significant increase in avoidable accidents over recent years," Cummings said. "Couple this with the Coast Guard's most recent statistics report, which show that 70% of boating fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction, and it's clear that there's a very real, very immediate need for an increase in boater education nationwide." Full article can be found at: www.boating-industry.com/output.cfm?id=1275571.

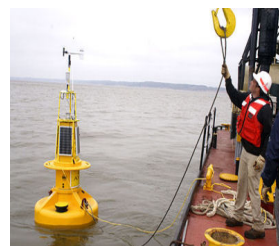
Smart Buoys Lead the Way

Water-based national historic trail through Chesapeake is Nation's first!

Looking for a guided tour through Chesapeake Bay? On July 26, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Office deployed its third "smart buoy" as part of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail—the nation's first water-based national historic trail and newest national park.

The buoy, positioned at the mouth of the Patapsco River near Baltimore, collects water-quality data as well as information on waves and currents. This data, along with historical and cultural information about the bay, can be accessed by anyone via www.buoybay.org.

Peter Jeffers helps release the first Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail buoy into the James River



Fishermen Lose More Weight—Fishing is a low-cost calorie burner!

The sedentary solution to weight loss: Go fishing! The chubbier the fisherman, the more calories burned in an hour.

Here's the good news gleaned from software published by NutriStrategy Nutrition and Fitness: You can tell your wife you're going to workout and then go wet a line—and you won't be fibbing. Fishing—which is a sport and is a physical activity, after all—burns lots of calories. Here are the statistics for a single hour of fishing:

- Fishing from boat, sitting: 148-216 calories
- Fishing from river bank, standing: 207-302 calories
- Fishing in stream, in waders: 354-518 calories

Just think of how many calories you'll burn if you fish for 6 or 7 hours. In fact, a whole weekend of fishing might be better than joining Weight Watchers, and is certainly a lot cheaper.

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