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DELHIGH MEMBERS URGED AT CHANGE-OF-WATCH TO "TAKE TIME IN 09"

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By P/C Richard Norris

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On 14 March 2009, at the Best Western Conference Center, Delhigh held its 48th annual Change-of-Watch. This Change-of-Watch was Michael Lebeduik's 4th time to pass the baton. That's a record for Delhigh!!

Our ceremonies were honored with D/5 guests D/1st/Lt Bernie Karpers and his delightful wife, D/Lt Kathleen. Bernie, a retired physician, is the D/5 Assistant Administrative Officer who will become the D/5 Administrative Officer at the end of this month.

Bernie applauded Delhigh, its commander, and its members for the many achievements in 2008/2009, including, but not limited to, the success and interconnected awards earned in Delhigh's participation in the D/5 Navigation contest. Moreover, he also congratulated our *Delhighlights* editor for the special color edition published last summer. Most noted was a picture of the flag ceremonies at Fort McHenry. That picture gained national recognition at the USPS® Annual Meeting in Anaheim, where it was awarded best-of-the-year honors. Watch for it's appearance again in *The Ensign*®.

During the ceremonies, the podium was turned over to P/C Joe Marakovits who presented a very worthy and surprised 1st/ Lt Ed Muschlitz with the Joseph Marakovits Education Award.

Following the Change-of-Watch ceremonies, it's customary for the outgoing Commander to say a few words. How many times can one stand up there and say "what a great honor it's been," "what a great year we've had," etc.? So we sat with bated breath, as Michael, for the fourth time, took to the podium. In lieu of a speech, Michael (with help from the Ziegenfuss children) put together a wonderful Power Point presentation of photos and music covering events from last year's Change-of-Watch to the present... Kudos Michael, it was wonderful!!!

We would be remiss not to mention the fantastic centerpieces and ship's wheel banners the Ziegenfuss' made to decorate the banquet room. The tables looked beautiful.

Last, but not least was our new Commander's 2 ½ hour (okay, maybe 10 minute) speech, outlining his road traveled with Delhigh throughout the years leading up to his becoming its Commander, and in conjunction with his theme for 2009/2010, "TAKE TIME IN 09", he mapping out the course on which he intends to steer Delhigh in the upcoming year.

Best wishes, Commander and Bridge, for a successful year.



2009 Change-of-Watch



2009 Change-of-Watch



2009 Delhigh Rendezvous

26-27-28 June

Place: Herrington Harbour North

Tracey's Landing, MD 20779

Lat. 38. 45.' 86" Long. 76.32.'80

Dockmaster 410-867-4343 or

800-297-1930

Please call the Dockmaster to reserve your slip.
Mention Delhigh.

Deadline is 12 June 2009

Dock fees- \$1.50/ft Electric- \$5.00/30amp,
\$10.00/twin 30,50 amp

Amenities: Swimming pool, spa, fitness center, laundry, grills, picnic tables, bikes, kayaks, West Marine store, Calypso Bay Dock Bar and Restaurant and internet access. Ride the local Trolley for 25 cents to explore the area.

Enjoy live entertainment at Calypso's both nights.

Planned Activities

Friday- 1800- Cocktails, and shared hors D'oeuvres on the dock.

Dinner at Calypso Bay for burgers, dogs, cole-slaw, potato salad, and dessert.

Saturday-1800- Cocktails and shared hors D'oeuvres on the dock.

1930- Dinner at Calypso Bay – It's a Luau- Tortilla chips, Salsa, fresh fruit, Caribbean salad, Hawaiian chicken, Blackened Mahi Mahi, Pork BBQ, Rice pilaf, and dessert.

Sunday- 1000- Shared breakfast on the docks

Please contact Russ Fontana or Jim Ziegenfuss for those requiring information for land accommodations.

Mark your calendar, prepare your crew, and plot a course to be part of the 2009 Summer Rendezvous. This will be another Western shore adventure. Hope to see you there.

Mail reservation form and check payable to Delhigh Power Squadron by 12 June to:

Lt/C Russ Fontana, P
672 Metz Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Name (S) _____

Friday Dinner - \$16 .00/person \$ _____

Saturday Dinner - \$31.00/person \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share Friday or Saturday night and a breakfast item to share Sunday.

I will bring Soda ____ Beer ____ Wine ____ to share for the weekend.



In an on-going effort to reduce printing and postage costs, the Executive Committee has approved, effective with this issue, *DELHIGHLIGHTS* being e-mailed to all members having an e-mail address on file. Members who do not have PC access or those for whom we do not have an e-mail address on file will receive their copy via U.S. Mail delivery.

For those members who have received a *mailed* copy of *DELHIGHLIGHTS* - if you have an e-mail address, please send it to the editor at

editor@delhigh.org

We appreciate your cooperation in helping Delhigh reduce costs associated with your newsletter.

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2009-2010

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Delhigh Plans An Outing With The



Our squadron will be holding the September Membership Meeting at Coca Cola Park in Allentown, PA to watch the Lehigh Valley Ironpigs play Syracuse during the final week of the AAA baseball season.

Plan to join the squadron for this unique and exciting "family" outing.

Our seats/tables will be in the PPL picnic patio area...just off the left field line. The \$25.00 ticket price includes a game ticket, a two hour buffet (1805 – 2005), a "pig-in-a-poke" group raffle, a ceremonial first pitch, AND....an announcement during the game recognizing our squadron. Plus (yes, there's more) prior to the game, Delhigh will have a drawing with everyone signed up to determine who will get the Group Parking Pass, and a "gift" from the Ironpigs.

Try to make your commitments early. We will need to give the Ironpigs a definite count by 30 June. ALL money must be received by Jim Ziegenfuss NO LATER THAN 27 July.

Of course, we plan to do more cheering than meeting, so bring some guests if you want. Family and friends are all welcome.

When:	2 September 2009
Buffet:	1805 – 2005
Game:	1905
Cost	\$25.00 each

NOTE: Rain Date: The buffet will be served rain or shine. If the game is called off, the buffet **WILL STILL BE SERVED**. Plan to come rain or shine. We will eat and meet regardless of the weather or if the game is played.

E-mail Jim Ziegenfuss early if you are planning to go. Payment due 27 July 2009.

JimZig@Frontiernet.net

610) 498-3742

Ironpigs Baseball Game

2 September 2009
Reservation Form

We plan to attend the Ironpigs Baseball Game on
2 September 2009

Please respond/commit by: 28 Jun 2009

Payment due by: 27 July 2009

Name (s): _____

Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$25.00 =
\$ _____

(Checks payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron)

Send to: Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss
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Delhighlights Recognized by National

At the 2009 Change-Of-Watch, D/5 Assistant Administrative Officer, Bernie Karpers, presented *Delhighlights* editor, D/Lt Bea Norris, the Distinction in Journalism Award for 2008. This award is presented by the United States Power Squadron's National Publications Committee to squadrons that show exemplary effort and ability in creating and publishing a newsletter for its membership.

D/Lt Bea Norris has been the editor for several years, and views her accomplishments as just part of the job. "We try to improve on each issue and I couldn't do it without all the wonderful support I receive from our writers and contributors." explains Bea. "We want *Delhighlights* to be the key to communications for the squadron, and we strive to make each member have a reason to read it."

As part of the ongoing improvement Bea insists on, *Delhighlights* revealed a new masthead in this issue. "We thought a new masthead would help create an even stronger identity and make it even more recognizable to our members." added Bea. Graphic design and support for the new *Delhighlights* design was provided by Commander Jim Ziegenfuss' son, Eric. In addition to this new masthead, Bea is researching an e-mail version of the newsletter, and new procedures on printing and mailing current distribution.



Commander's Message

Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss, JN

On October 14th, Delhigh celebrated its 48th Change-of-Watch. As my first commander's message, I would like to present my comments as delivered at the ceremony. I am indeed excited to be your new commander. Please call with comments, concerns or ideas. Jim-(610) 498-3742.

March 14, 2009: To D/1st/Lt Bernie Karpers; D/Lt Kathleen Karpers; Past Commander Lebeduik; Past Commander Rhoads; the outgoing Bridge; our new Bridge; Delhigh members; my wife Minna; my daughters Gretchen and her husband Mike; Amy and her husband Eric, and friends. Thank you for being here today.

I'd also like to recognize my son, Eric, who is not here today, but who has been a key member of our family and crew throughout the years.

Brent, you've done a wonderful job of organizing the ceremony, as usual, and we thank you for your continued commitment to making our Change-of-Watch ceremonies a professional event with proper USPS protocol.

Ed Muschlitz, we appreciate your efforts in organizing and leading our Honor Guard, and on that note, a sincere thank you to the members who participated in the today's Guard.

It is indeed an honor to stand before you, and accept the command of Delhigh. This is the 48th Change-of-Watch for our squadron, and I am truly excited to be part of an organization so rich in tradition and longevity. There have been many, many, fine, dedicated individuals that held this office in the past, and I will do my best in honoring their hard work by moving Delhigh forward.

But what makes this event more special for me than even the new responsibilities and challenges is being among the friends and family today who have been such a huge part of my boating life.

We bought our first boat in 1986, and after a trip or two to Lake Wallenpaupack and the Finger Lakes, I decided to take the Coast Guard Safe Boating course. It was a very good course. I certainly learned a lot as a new boater, and to be honest, had no plans to take more courses or participate in organized boating until I got invited to join my river friends as a guest for my first Delhigh Rendezvous. These folks had all taken the USPS Safe Boating Course and had already joined Delhigh. I'm glad they called me. I have to admit the excitement and camaraderie of taking a boating trip, and the rendezvous itself, got me and my family hooked, and the next fall, I too, took the USPS course and in 1989 joined Delhigh.

Over the years we've had some wonderful trips and great times. Most of our vacations since that time have been on the water. Our friends, as a boating group, have traveled the Rideau Canal system and the Thousand Islands in Canada. We've gone to Montreal and Quebec City on the St. Lawrence several times ; Lake Champlain; the Finger Lakes; the Jersey Shore; the Hudson River; the Erie Canal, Wallenpaupack; parts of the inter-coastal; and the Chesapeake Bay, from one end to the other. And of course, the Delhigh Rendezvous...by now we've attended nearly 20 of them.

Trailer boating with family, friends and members of Delhigh has been a real experience - one I would not change for anything.

We've towed boats, and been towed. Along the road we've fixed flats, wheel bearings, lights, brakes, transmissions, tie down straps, tarps, winches, cables and rollers.

On the water, we've repaired carburetors, water pumps, fuel pumps, electrical circuits, battery failures, throttle cables, radios, canvases, zippers, hatches, ladders, lines, and fenders...not to mention out drives, props, water in the gas, crud in the water, and leaks. (And that was just Dave's boat).

We've laughed till we cried. We've told jokes and sang songs. We played cards, walked everywhere, ate together, hung out, and toasted each other. We've shared tools, parts, food, booze, milk, towels, lines, charts, ideas, information, money - and even kids.

We sometimes got mad at each other.....but always made up.

And why was this such a big part of our lives? Well, the friendships we developed; the magnetic pull of the water; (if there is such a thing), our boats; adventure; and of course, Delhigh.

Our squadron has served many people. Thousands have learned the essentials of boating from our qualified and dedicated instructors. We've been blessed with strong leadership, committed members, unwavering support from District and National, a supportive community, and the desire to learn, travel, explore and socialize with individuals with the same interests.

So as we look to the future, where will we go? How can we salute the hard work of so many people over our 48 years, and move Delhigh to even greater levels? What can **we** do to make Delhigh even more successful today than it has been?

I'd like to draw your attention to the centerpieces at your tables. As I thought about what our squadron's mission might be in '09, I narrowed all of our activities to three things:

Membership.....Education.....Safe Boating.

MEMBERSHIP: In the last several years we've seen membership decline. That's not unusual for any club today, but our goal is to reverse that trend at Delhigh. Increased pressure from state agencies to complete and pass safe boating courses gives us the opportunity to teach, interact with, and recruit new members. Joe Stemrich will be our new Membership Chairman, and I look forward to his ideas, programs, and efforts in membership recruitment and retention.

EDUCATION: When I describe the power squadron to an individual who does not know who we are, I always start with education. It's who we are - it's what we do. It's the reason for membership, and safe boating is the result. Our squadron should be thrilled to have had Joe Marakovits as our SEO for so many years, and now have Bob Hannabery leading this department. Through our regular boating courses, electives, new seminars, and the USPS® University programs, we have continuing education opportunities for every member. Under Bob and his team, I'm looking forward to seeing this important area excel in '09.

SAFE BOATING: Obviously, the goal of every person in this room, and for our entire membership, is to promote boating safety. It is everyone's responsibility to learn every day, and teach others what we have learned. Share your experiences, and help others to be safe. We will never, EVER know whose life we may save through our Vessel Safety Checks, our stories, individual involvement, and interest in other boater's competence.

To me, these three things summarize Delhigh's place in '09 and beyond.

But the most important word on the plaques in front of you ... is the word TIME. It's the most precious thing we have, and the most valuable thing you have to offer.

Take Time in '09!! There's never enough of it. Prioritize what you have. First, serve yourself, your families, your friends, and then, we hope - Delhigh.

Education, Membership, and Safe Boating. They don't exist without you, and along with Delhigh, will only survive and thrive with your support and continued commitment.

Obviously, I sincerely appreciate your attendance today and your decision to give us some of **your** precious time. It is indeed an honor to have you all participate in this ceremony, and be part of Delhigh's future.

And now will the 2009-2010 Bridge please rise:

District 1st/Lt Karpers, members of the Delhigh Power Squadron, and guests: This is your Bridge.

We accept the responsibilities that you have bestowed upon us, and will provide this squadron with the integrity and leadership that is expected from us. We look forward to the challenges facing us, and are committed to moving Delhigh in a positive direction. We pledge to work together with the Executive Committee, and our dedicated Chair People, to serve our families, our members, our communities, Delhigh, and the United States Power Squadron®.

Thank you.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
Russel Fontana, P

Do you know how many benefits there are, belonging to such a great organization such as the United States Power Squadron®? My opinion is that there are an unlimited number. From Dell computers, seafood delivered to your home, mortgages, and discounts with a variety of companies, the advantages are endless. The most valuable is the network of friends and knowledge that is around us in this organization. Contact the Port Captain, through the USPS website for your next cruise destination to learn where the locals eat their favorite meal or which marina has the best facilities. Replacing that old AC unit in your home this spring? Are you thinking about painting that room or remodeling the kitchen? How about the vacu-flush toilet you need to fix before the next trip to the boat? I'm sure there is someone, either in your squadron or another that you met on that last cruise willing to give some assistance. Even if it is to only enjoy a cold beverage together while the sun sets on the next raft up, membership benefits are priceless. Life is too short. Take the time and live it to the fullest.



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**SEO REPORT
Bob Hannabery, AP**

The spring boating class is scheduled to begin on Monday, 23 March 2009. Once again this class will be held at Peters Marine in Allentown.

The USPS University Seminar Series continues at Peters Marine during the month of April. Delhigh will be offering seminars in VHF/DSC on 4 April, Weather Forecasting on 11 April, Boat Handling on 18 April and GPS on 25 April. All of the seminars will begin at 1000 and will last approximately 2 hours. Plan on attending so you'll be ready for the boating season!

Two members of the education department were honored at Delhigh's Change-of-Watch on 14 March. ASEO Jeanette Meisner received a Certificate of Appreciation for her work in organizing and presenting the Delhigh's USPS University Seminar Series at Peters marine and Ed Muschlitz received the Joseph Marakovits Education Award for his many years of service to Delhigh's Education Department. Congratulations Jeanette and Ed!

USPS University
we'll show you how

KNOW YOUR...

- Boat**
- Equipment**
- Safety devices and PFDs**
- Alcohol limits**
- First aid and emergency procedures**
- Environment (area and weather)**

.....**BEFORE YOU GO!**

Source:
National Safe Boating Council

**ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER'S REPORT
Robert Rendish, P**

On Saturday, 16 May, at 0900, Delhigh Squadron will conduct a Clean Up Day at Beltzville Lake State Park main ramp and parking lot. Boats, canoes, kayaks, rowboats, skiffs, PWC's are needed. Also, since this is the start of Safe Boating Week, Vessel Safety Checks will be conducted in the parking lot.

At 1300, Lunch will be provided; there will be a cook-out at one of the picnic areas. Please bring a salad, or potato chips, dessert, or some condiments to share.

If you wish to participate, please contact Bob Rendish @610-967-2210 or rjr1@enter.net or Jim Ziegenfuss @610-498-3742 or jimzig@frontiernet.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

Linda	Steckel	April 14
Ronald R.	Laudenslager	April 16
Robert C.	Muir	April 18
Russell	Fontana	April 24
Walter O.	Groth	April 27
Robert C.	Rourke	April 28

MAY

N. James	Fox	May 01
Donald C.	Carty	May 08
Justin	Rettaliata	May 14
Susan	Cargill	May 17
Joseph K.	Lampi	May 21
William A.	Peters III	May 23
David H.	Sell	May 27



YOU ARE INVITED TO

WHAT: Cocktails and Dinner

WHEN: Sunday 26 April 2009 – 1700

WHERE: Home of Chris and Ginny Brown
3151 Club Drive
Allentown, PA 18103

WHY: To begin the process of planning for March 2009 through March 2010 festivities and to share ideas of what and how Delhigh would like to be involved

Eleven months may seem like a long time from now but there is a lot of initial idea sharing and planning that needs to take place before we can begin to actually execute the ideas and plans. So much of the D/5 2010/2011 year will have Delhigh in the limelight. Since it will be Delhigh's year to be on the D/5 stage, we need the input of the membership on what and how they want it done.

P/C Jeanette Meisner and P/Lt/C Joe Stemrich have agreed to chair the March 2009 D/5 Commander's breakfast and P/C Rich Norris has agreed to chair the March 2010 Spring Conference. Both events will be in Ocean City, MD. Lt/C Russ Fontana has agreed to co-chair the D/5 Commander's Cruise prior to the 2010 D/5 Summer Rendezvous and Council in Solomon's, MD. EVERY DELHIGH MEMBER is invited to participate in any part of this planning, this process, and be involved in the best part, the FUN!

To get us started, Chris and Ginny are inviting all of you to their home for cocktails, dinner, and "brain storming."

So that they will know how many to prepare for, please let them know by 20 APRIL if you will be there. Call them at 610-433-3523. If no one is at home, please leave your name and response on the answering machine.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!



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

The 2009 workshop at the Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, VA, on 102 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

See D/5 Website for Cooperative Charting
Program Registration Form
www.uspsd5.org/



February Meeting Full of Items

A combined Membership Meeting and Founders Day celebration brought over twenty Delhigh members together on 4 February to enjoy a spaghetti covered dish dinner and other activities. At the conclusion of the social hour, which started at 1800, volunteers cooked pasta and set up various dishes and sauces brought by the attendees for a delicious dinner. At 1945, Cdr Lebeduik called the membership meeting to order, and reports and discussions followed in every area.

After the business meeting, Jim Ziegenfuss narrated a presentation that documented Delhigh's heritage and accomplishments, and also talked about the activities planned for 2009. Bob Hannabery spoke on the USPS University, and the process and courses involved in obtaining a USPS inland navigation certificate.

Jeanette Meisner and Bob Rendish presented the slate of candidates for the 2009-10 Bridge, and asked for additional nominees from the floor. There being none, the nominations were closed, and a vote was cast for the positions. All nominees were elected, and will be sworn in at the Change of Watch ceremony on 14 March.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Commander Lebeduik thanked everyone for coming and gave his concluding remarks on the celebration and meeting. To commemorate the announcement that Delhigh members would attend a baseball game at Coca Cola Park on September 2, a raffle was held for two Ironpigs T-shirts. Winners were Dick Garnjost and Doug McKenzie.

Delhigh Members Attend AC Boat Show

Eight Delhigh members assembled at the Trans Bridge Bus Depot on 7 February in Bethlehem to make the trip to the 2009 Atlantic City Boat Show. With the bus leaving at exactly 0800, those traveling found the weather to be clear and sunny, and traffic to be light throughout the entire trip. The gang was dropped off at the Trump Plaza Hotel by 1145, and immediately made the four block walk to the Convention Center. With tickets in hand, entrance was a breeze.

While the show's format was similar to previous years, walking around and "boarding" new boats seemed enjoyable to everyone. It was obvious from looking around the group that some wanted to look at new boats, others concentrated on accessories, and still others simply enjoyed the excitement and the crowds. The six hours spent at the show proved to be fulfilling to everyone.

While the Boat Show was the key reason for going, what trip to AC would be complete without trying some luck in the casinos? And yes, Delhigh had some winners in the end. And one casino winner even bought pizza for the trip home (didn't win quite enough for a new boat, but the pizza was good all the same.) So when you couple the boat show with the trip with the people with the fun with the weather with the food and the laughter (in spite of the spilled sauce on one member's lap), it was a good day. And that made everyone a winner!

Membership Meeting & Activity Schedule

Please note the times and locations of the upcoming meetings and activities

D-5 Officer Training and Spring Conference

26-29 March 2009
Princess Royale Hotel
Ocean City, MD

April Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA
1900

NOAA Co-OP Charting Workshop

1-3 May
Norfolk, VA

May Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 6 May 2009
Red Robin Restaurant
(Northampton Crossings-Rt. 248)
Easton, PA
(Come for meeting only
or Dutch Treat Dinner if you want to eat)

Vessel Safety Checks and Waterway Clean-up

Saturday, 16 May 2009
Beltsville Lake
Possible Second Location

June Membership Meeting

6 Wednesday, June 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA
1900

Delhigh Rendezvous

26-28 June 2009
Harrington Harbor North

July

(No Membership Meeting in July)