



Patapsco River Power Squadron



# THE BILGEWATER

District 5

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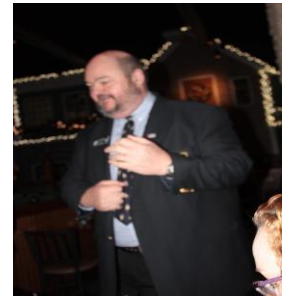
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Christmas party at Two Rivers Steak & Fish House was a great success with 9 squadron members and District 5 rep D/C Walter Neese, SN. The food was good and the Yankee gift exchange as always was fun. I personally got a bottle of Jack Daniels. Those in attendance were:

**1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Tom Schatz, P; Pat Weaver; P/C Quinton Weaver, SN; Lt/C Beth Thompson, JN; D/Lt Pam Booth; Commander John Linsenmeyer, AP; Lt/C Lou Kates, AP; Lt/C Joe Deady, S; and Lt/C Dick Williams, P.**





**Commanders Report**

**Cdr John Linsenmeyer, AP**

Greetings All!

Hope you are enjoying the Festive Holiday Season. Winter is officially here!

The Christmas/Holiday Party was smaller this year, but very nice and a good time was had by all. We celebrated at the Two Rivers Restaurant for the second year. D/Lt/C, and Commander Elect, Walter K. Neese, SN, was our District Representative for the event with inspiring news from the Commander. We again enjoyed the Yankee Gift Exchange. Pam and I made out pretty good this year with some wonderful end-of-day cruise refreshments!



With all our boats now pulled and winterized for the coldest part of the season, it's a good time to think about taking some Squadron courses to shore-up those rusty navigation skills and perhaps learn a few new ones! SEO and P/C Lou Kates has several offerings both just beginning and in process.

One of the ones just beginning is the Public Boating Course, ABC. Since the Squadron home renovations, Lou has been looking for possible area locations to teach and was successful in

**Commanders report continued:**

securing space at the Eastern District Police Station, 204 Pasadena Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122 on Saturday mornings from 11:00 AM to 1PM, January 12 through March 30. I plan to attend to learn and assist wherever possible. Please contact Lou for any additional information.

One of the courses that Lou has in process is Junior Navigation, of which I am a student! One of the more fun hands-on parts of the course is actually going out to the bay, or any location that offers an unobstructed view of the horizon, and take sites with a Sextant. Here is a picture from our last sight taking adventure:

That's PDC Brian Becker, AP steadily lining up a sight on the Sun in November down near the Battery Hartshorne at Fort Smallwood. P/C Lou Kates is recording the exact time of the sight, with Lt/C Joe Deady, SN providing support and assistance. The purpose of this exercise is to demonstrate proper technique to record and then reduce the sight for precise measurements attained from the Nautical Almanac for a "passing grade" accuracy of within 5 miles of a known location. I have complete confidence that by the end of this course we will all be closer to 1-mile accuracy

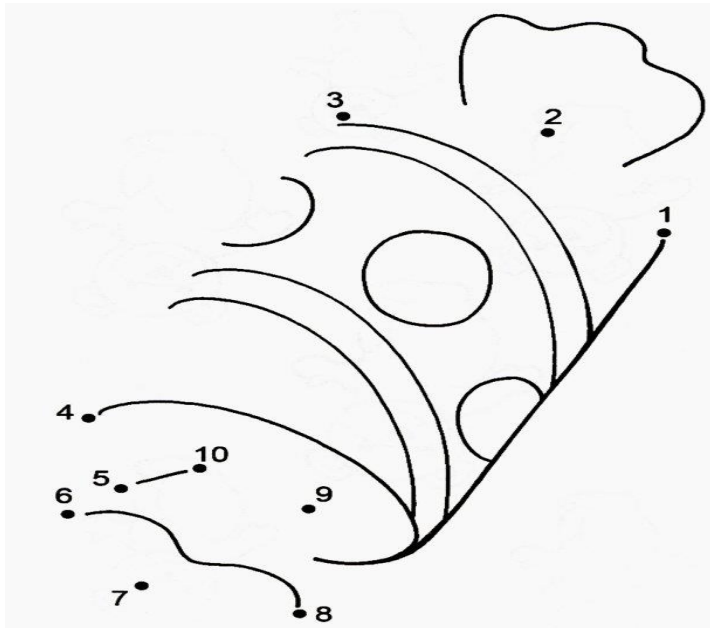




### Executive Officers Report

Lt/C Dick Williams, AP

I attended our annual Christmas Party in December. This event was wonderful, as usual. I had a wonderful time and look forward to next year's gala. As winter approaches, we can participate in several great events. In Harrisburg, PA the annual outdoor show is about to take place and in sunny Florida we can attend the USPS conference in Orlando. This is a great time to plan a vacation. After the annual conference, you can attend Disney World and have some more fun. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year! Make a resolution to get involved in your squadron. Commander John is doing a wonderful job but can always use more help. Now is the time to think about how you can become a better member by volunteering for a committee or even become a Bridge member next year. You can make a difference and even a little help is always appreciated.



### Educational Officers Report

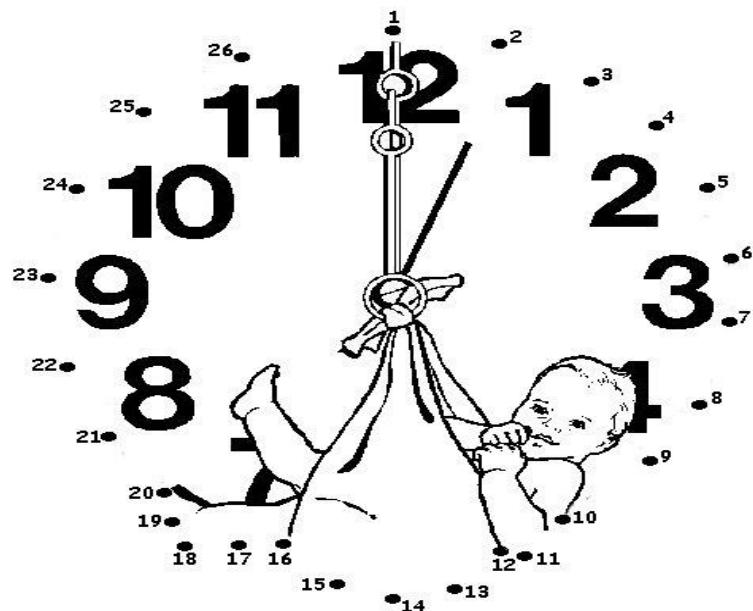
Lt/C Lou Kates, AP

Santa was very generous this year. Not only did he arrange for JN quarters for us at the Maryland Yacht Club (thanks also to one of his elves, Jim Gorman), but he also secured us a room at the Eastern District Police Station on Pasadena Rd. We'll have Squadron meetings there during the winter, and we're teaching Piloting and Boating there on Saturday mornings. We're there on Saturdays 9-1 if you want to drop in, take a course, or jawbone with the students and show them what a real sailor looks like.

JN class is going well, 2 rounds of sights so far. We've successfully found the sun on both occasions, where we were when we found it remains to be seen (& calculated). Initial results put us east of Calcutta, better than being north of Nome.

New Year's is several days off, but here's wishing you and yours a great and safe 2019 Boating season. Give me a holler if you need help with any of our courses or seminars to get you out there.

Keep the water on the outside of the boat, and remember only fools don't know the Rules.



Patapsco River Power Squadron  
Bridge 2018-2019

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**Administrative Officers Report**

**Lt/C Beth A. Thompson, JN**

I hope everybody had a wonderful holiday. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year to everybody.

Spring conference & Officer Training is coming up in Ocean City, MD 28-31 March 2019. Speaking of Officers, the nominating committee is looking for new people to join the bridge. If you would like to take active role on the squadron level, please speak to one of our Past Commanders. Please join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month for our membership meetings. Please look for an email from Commander John Linsenmeyer, AP as to where our next meeting will be held.


Again, Happy New Year to all!



**Secretary's Report**

**Lt/C Joe Deady, SN**

There is something about the winter that makes dreaming and planning for warmer weather and boating activities so enjoyable. It's also the perfect time to take advantage of our squadrons' other activities. Sharing stories and plans with friends at our meetings, taking a class to improve your skills and knowledge or volunteer in one of our many activities. Speaking of activities, if you missed our Christmas/Holiday dinner you missed a great time. As the calendar turns to the New Year join us and add some new memories to your book!


**Treasurer Report**  
**P/D/C Brian Becker, AP**

Larry France, JN 02/02

There is very, very little to report of the Finances of the Squadron. Everything is reconciled ... not much to do in that arena. I will not continue the use of the Post Office box at the Riviera Beach station. We do not even find junk mail any more. It is time, in my humble opinion, to get a little generous in this holiday season and pick a \$\$ number and some organizations to donate some of the funds on hand.

**PATAPSCO RIVER POWER  
SQUADRON  
MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS  
2018**

- P/D/C J BRIAN BECKER, AP  
LT PAM BOOTH  
LT/C JOE DEADY, SN  
P/C LOU KATES, AP  
P/C MILT PEACOCK, AP  
LT TOM SCHATZ, P  
P/C BETH THOMPSON, JN  
P/C QUINTON WEAVER, SN  
P/C DICK WILLIAMS, P



**Treasurer Report**  
**P/D/C Brian Becker, AP**

The state of the old squadron home continues to be less than the way the Honorable Mike would have approved. Your Housing Committee continues to perform the hygiene menial tasks on weekly basis [if nothing else is on the schedule]. The first floor continues to be in ..... shambles is a good word. All work on the “rehab” has been halted as the owner has applied for a permit from AA County and plans to have some of the work removed and replaced. The recent monsoons have backed up in the hall – perhaps due to the fact the electrical work supporting the sump pump was disengaged. However, the upstairs has proven to be what a professional office should be – detail cleaning awaits the completion of the downstairs work.

P. S. Anyone who is interested may join the Committee any Thursday AM –the fun begins around 0700 and continues until all necessary work is complete. Then we “study” a bit for the upcoming mystery hour.

*amen*





### Safety Report

C Dick Williams, AP

OK the weather has changed and my boat has been winterized. Actually, it is still on blocks from las year. I don't have to think about boating safety, right? WRONG!!!!!! According to the US Coast Guard "Each year hundreds of lives are lost... thousands are injured... and millions of dollars of property damage occurs because of preventable recreational boating accidents on U.S. waterways. Too often pleasure outings turn tragic. You — as a boat operator, passenger, or concerned individual — can make a difference. "Here is the US Coast Guard's Boating Safety WEB page.

["http://www.uscgboating.org/SAFETY/safety.htm"](http://www.uscgboating.org/SAFETY/safety.htm)

Please take time to visit their WEB page. You will find some extremely useful information.

**You can make a difference!!** Please use this time of boating inactivity to sharpen your boating skills and knowledge. Take courses in boating safety, navigation etc... Talk to your boating friends and suggest they join the USPS and avail themselves to our advanced boating education courses. You could save their life. Your boat may not be in the water but it is a great time to think of boating safety.

At the August National Governing Board event in Minneapolis, the District 10 Safety Officer handed out ESD Awareness Pamphlets warning of the Potential Shock Hazard near boatyard docks, piers and marinas where AC power is present. Each year people and their pets needlessly die due to this little discussed issue of faulty and leaking electrical equipment. Even if the stray current present is not strong enough to electrocute, it can and does paralyze the victim's muscles causing them to drown.

Please familiarize yourself with the Pamphlet below and warn any crew, family, friends or passengers of this potential hazard. Please visit [www.electricshockdrowning.org](http://www.electricshockdrowning.org) for additional information.

### E.S.D.

#### Reduce the Risk of Electric Shock Drowning

- Stay out of the water in the marina and elsewhere where AC powered equipment (boat lifts, etc.) is installed.
- Keep your family, guests, and pets out of such waters.
- Inform your family, guests and fellow boaters of the risk of electric shock drowning.
- Inspect your shore power cords and connections regularly.
- Engage a certified marine electrician to make repairs when experiencing wiring or equipment problems on your boat.

For more information, visit the Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association web site.



### Electric Shock Drowning



You are a safe, skillful boater.

You keep your vessel and its support equipment in tip-top operating condition.

You take all the required precautions against fire or explosion during and after refueling.

Despite all of this, you and your guests may not realize there may be another threat as you settle into another fun day on your boat while tied up in your transient or home slip.

The threat is electric shock drowning.

While your boat is in the slip, you may decide to jump off the swim platform to check out a prop that vibrated during the cruise, or recover

## E.S.D.

### Electric Shock Drowning

occurs when an individual in the water encounters an electric field of sufficient strength. The victim is paralyzed by the electrical current, sinks below the surface, and drowns. In severe cases death can result from electrocution.

These electric fields in the water can be caused by an electrical problem on your own boat, on a nearby boat or boats, by devices such as a boat lift, or faulty dock wiring or equipment.

The amount of current required to kill a human or a pet is much less than that required to trip a circuit breaker.

The job of eliminating these dangerous conditions should be entrusted to a marine certified electrician.

Regardless, one should always stay out of the water where electrical equipment and wiring are present.

### ESD Awareness Initiative

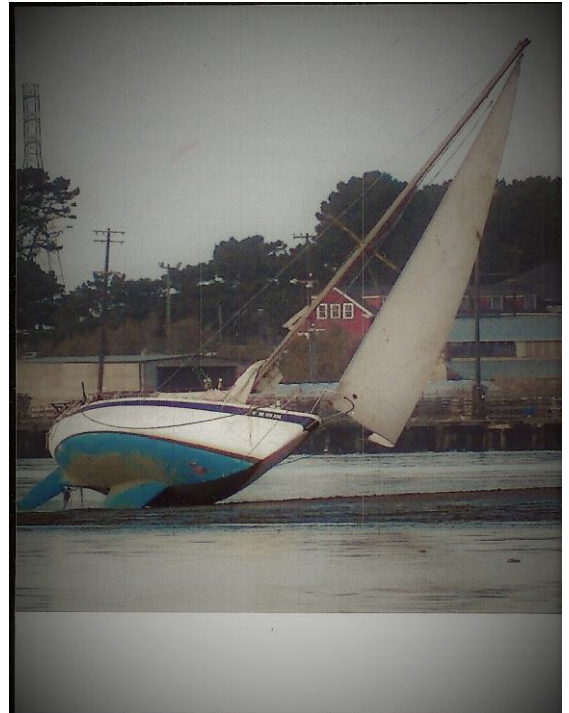
**D**istrict 10 of the America's Boating Club® is conducting its Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) Awareness Initiative. The 11 clubs that comprise D/10 are visiting marinas in Minnesota, Wisconsin and part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula to spread ESD awareness and to promote installation of signs that warn the boating public of the danger.



### About America's Boating Club®

*America's Boating Club® has been working to improve recreational boating by providing educational opportunities and promoting boating safety for over 100 years.*

*America's Boating Club® is the world's largest private boating organization, with about 25,000 members in 350 local clubs. These local clubs offer classroom and on-water training, conduct public awareness campaigns, perform vessel safety checks, and offer other programming to make recreational boating safe and enjoyable for all.*



My Uncle Dennis Thompson sent this to my Dad from his boat's marine in Eureka, CA. Always remember to check tide tables!



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## 2018 Youth Poster Contest

Sponsored by the National Membership Committee

(New Contest Period: Contest ends August 17, 2018)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest Awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating, and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The Contest is open to children ages 6–14, which is divided into three age groups:

- 1) Ages 6 – 8    2) Ages 9 – 11    3) Ages 12 – 14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to the National Membership Committee for judging must be endorsed by each District Poster/Membership Chair as the point of contact.

The 2018 Poster Theme:

### ***"America's Boating Club Saves Lives"***

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment save lives.

## Rules

- Each district may submit one poster in each age category.
- Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper; size 15"x20" or 14"x22"
- Entries must be judged at the district level to select winning entries for submission at the National contest level.
- Squadron and District judging deadlines are a local decision.
- Only District First-Place winners in each age category will be accepted for judging at the National level.
- Posters may be sketched lightly with pencil, but the result must be in color suitable for photography.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Posters must not be folded.
- Posters will be judged on the Theme, message and artistic representation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed. All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display and reproduce.
- Contest entry forms must be complete, legible, and attached to the back of their poster.
- Annual Contest entries must now be delivered to the Fall Governing Board Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Posters must be received by Friday, 17 August 2018, for judging.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced for each age category during the Minneapolis Meeting. Awards are underwritten by a grant from the OMC Foundation.





# 2018 Youth Poster Contest

## Submission Form (Attach to back of Poster)



**Artist Age Category:** 6-8  9-11  12-14

Artist Age is determined to be the day the poster is submitted for local judging

**Artist Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a School/Group Entry? Yes  No  (If Yes, enter School/Group Info Below)

School/Group Name:	
School/Group Address:	
School City:	Teacher Name:

### MANDATORY SQUADRON & DISTRICT INFORMATION

Squadron Name:	District Number:
Squadron Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:
District Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:

- Please complete submission forms as neatly as possible.
  - Unreadable and incomplete forms will be disqualified.
  - Attach all completed submission forms to the back of each poster entry.
  - Squadrons must work with their respective Districts to determine District submissions to National Contest.
  - District 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in each age category should be submitted for National Judging.
  - The District Poster Contact/Chairperson is responsible for delivering all 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners to the National Annual meeting and returning awards to respective winners. Contact information must be provided.
  - National submissions become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission.
  - Further information on the National Competition will be posted on the National Membership pages of [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org).
- All submissions are due 17 August, 2018

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**RESERVATION FORM**  
**United States Power Squadrons® District 5 Spring Conference**  
**28-31 March 2019**  
**Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, 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? \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU SELECTIONS**

**SATURDAY LUNCH:**

Lunch Sandwich Buffet: Sliced Meats and cheeses, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes and Onions, Pickles with Assorted Rolls and Breads, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and Home-Made Potato Chips # \_\_\_ @ \$23.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_  
 Brownies and Blondies, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea Stations

**SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:**

Beef Medallions & Mushrooms w/ Gravy over Garlic Mashed Potatoes # \_\_\_ @ \$37.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Seafood Newburg over Garlic Mashed Potatoes # \_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_  
 (Scallops, Crab & Shrimp in a Sherry Cream Sauce)

Vegetarian / Gluten Free Vegetable Stir-Fry served over Rice # \_\_\_ @ \$27.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Selections served with: House Salad, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter and Chef's Selection of Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee, & Iced Tea Stations

Children: Chicken Tender Platter with French Fries # \_\_\_ @ \$14.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Gluten Free Option Available)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron  
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**MEAL RESERVATIONS must  
 be received by 10 March 2019**

**Recommended Dress for Banquet:** Uniform B with bowtie or suitable after 6 attire.

**MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL** - Call Reservations Dept. at (800) 476-9253

**Use the Reservation ID Code: U.S. Power Squadron, District 5**

Princess Royale Hotel, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland

Non-Smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis

**Rates:** Ocean/Pool View Suite: \$119.00 per night, Ocean Front Suite: \$165.00 per night,

2BR Condo: \$254.00 per night, 3BR: \$284.00 per night

(rates listed above do not include taxes)

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 7 MARCH 2019 TO ENSURE USPS RATES**