

# On The Horizon

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**Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron — We Are**

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### APRIL EVENTS

#### **April 20th DSPS General Meeting at The Bowman Restaurant**

9306 Harford Rd., Parkville MD \*Dinner available from 6:00pm \*Meeting starts at 7:30pm

**“Inside View of Tugboat Operations in the Port of Baltimore” - Speaker: Ms. Monica Frank**

Monica Frank is a Dispatcher for Moran Towing, and will give us a behind the scenes glimpse of a local tugboat operations. Learn about the different types of tugboats, and what operations to expect when you encounter them underway. Monica, herself an owner of a 33' motor yacht, will provide helpful insights from perspective of a small boat operator.

#### **Two Education Classes starts in April: Register Now!**

Piloting/Marine Navigation starts Tues 4/5—Marine Electrical Systems starts Thurs 4/7

(Details page 7) Contact Susan Rudy, [sfrudy@juno.com](mailto:sfrudy@juno.com) or 410-971-9199

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**COMMANDER**  
**John L. Hall, AP**



Greetings from your new commander. It's time to get back to normal! I'm back and I'm really looking forward to a great year with my friends and fellow boaters. I hope to see you all at the meetings and rendezvous this year. My bridge and I will be working hard to make the meetings fun, entertaining and informative. It's always great to get together with old friends and make new ones.

Since we realize not everyone can make every event in person, we're going to continue with providing Zoom access to the meetings. It takes a bit to setup, but I want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate. And speaking of participation there are plenty of opportunities to get involved with the squadron and make a difference. We all love boating and being out on the water. Like everything in life there are risks involved. Most of the accidents and injuries that happen on the water are easily avoidable. One of the goals of the United States Power Squadrons is to make boating safer. We do this by teaching safe boating practices, good seamanship and safe navigation. When something does happen, we are better prepared to handle it. Knowledge and preparation enable you to make calm and rational decisions.

So, let's make On The Water activities better and safer for everyone. Join the team and become an active member of America's Boating club! I want to see you out there!

Sincerely,

John L. Hall Cdr

**REMINDER! NEW MARINE FIRE EXTINGUISHER REGULATIONS TO TAKE EFFECT APRIL 20, 2022**

This **spring**, it's more important than ever to check your boat's marine fire extinguisher. A new federal regulation for fire extinguishers on motorized recreational boats will take effect on April 20. Extinguishers older than 12 years from the manufacture date are no longer considered good and serviceable and should be replaced with a newer fire extinguisher. This includes both disposable (non-rechargeable) and rechargeable fire extinguishers.

**If you own a boat model year 2018 or newer, you may need to replace your fire extinguishers.**

- In addition to meeting the carriage requirements for the correct number of extinguishers for the size of your boat, they must be labeled as 5-B or 20-B; extinguishers labeled with B-I or B-II only are no longer acceptable.
- Extinguishers must not be more than 12 years old according to the date of manufacture stamped on the bottle or printed on the label.

You are only required get new ones if the extinguishers are no longer serviceable. Good serviceable conditions are as follows: the extinguisher has a pressure gauge reading or indicator it must be in the operable range or position; the lock pin is firmly in place; the discharge nozzle is clean and free of obstruction; the extinguisher does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage.

**If you own a boat that is 2017 model year or older (between 1953-2017):**

- You may keep your extinguishers labeled B-I and B-II, *but*
- Extinguishers must not be more than 12 years old according to the date of manufacture stamped on the bottle.

Visit [boatus.org/fire-extinguishers](https://boatus.org/fire-extinguishers) for a simple flow chart on 'Do I need to purchase a new fire extinguisher?'

# Officers & Elected Committees

## Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron, Inc.

2022 - 2023

### Bridge:

Commander	<u>John L. Hall, AP</u>
Executive Officer	<u>Joseph K. Deady, SN</u>
Squadron Educational Officer	<u>Susan Rudy, SN</u>
Administrative Officer	<u>John Malone, S</u>
Treasurer	<u>Jeanne Galvin, S</u>
Secretary	<u>Edward (Ned) M. Dexter, P</u>

### Elected Assistants:

Asst SEO	<u>Rayned Wiles, P</u>
Asst Admin	<u>P/C Douglas Riley, AP</u>
Asst Treasurer	<u>P/C Ron Basener, SN</u>
Asst Secretary	<u>Lori Piper</u>

### Executive Committee :

1. Rayned Wiles, P
2. Lori Piper
3. Glenn Haldeman, JN
4. Barbara Lash, P
5. P/C Dick Bussey, P
6. P/C Ron Knight, SN
7. P/C Rick Boardman, AP
8. P/C Brooks Riley, AP
9. Mary L. Hall, P
10. P/C Bernie Karpers, Jr., SN

### Nominating Committee:

<b>Chair</b>	1. <u>P/C Rick Boardman, AP</u>	1 year remaining
	2. <u>Glenn Haldeman, JN</u>	2 years remaining
	3. <u>P/C Tracey Stuenes, P</u>	3 years remaining
	4. <u>P/C Streett Broadbent, AP</u>	4 years remaining
	5. <u>P/C David Blades, SN</u>	5-year term

### Rules Committee:

<b>Chair</b>	1. <u>Katherine Van de Wal</u>	1 year remaining
	2. <u>Donald Grauel</u>	2 years remaining
	3. <u>P/C Bernie Karpers, SN</u>	3 years remaining
	4. <u>P/C Douglas Riley, AP</u>	4 years remaining
	5. <u>Roy B. Stuenes, P</u>	5-year term

### Auditing Committee:

<b>Chair</b>	1. <u>P/C John L. Hall, AP</u>	1 year remaining
	2. <u>P/C Douglas Riley, AP</u>	2 years remaining
	3. <u>P/C Richard D. Bussey, P</u>	3-year term

## **EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

***Susan Rudy, SN***



### **PRIORITY!!! SIGN UP NOW FOR CLASSES — STARTING IN APRIL**

- PILOTING on Tuesdays , starting April 5 in Fallston
- MARINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, on Thursdays, starting April 7 in Essex.

CONTACT ME at 410-971-9199 or [SEO@USPSDUNDALK.ORG](mailto:SEO@USPSDUNDALK.ORG)

See Page 5 for details.

I am honored to serve you as the incoming SEO! Plans are underway for a year of learning and camaraderie through our shared interest in boating.

First, many thanks to my husband and outgoing Commander David Blades for a very successful year. We carried all our normal membership meetings, a full cruise schedule and three special events, even as we soldiered through the pandemic. Dave will no doubt be keeping busy as immediate Past Commander.

Additional thanks are due to past SEO and returning Commander John Hall. He has already helped the Education Department get off to a great start in scheduling classes to start the first week of April. I look forward to serving under his guidance as I learn the ropes of the SEO job. I also look forward to working with Assistant SEO Rayned Wiles, who has a great deal of educational experience to share with the Squadron.

On the Educational Horizon...

We are looking forward to setting up in-person seminar series at two locations this summer, and plan to schedule additional classes in the fall & winter to build on the current schedule.

I encourage everyone to visit the National and District websites to view the available courses. There are modules that you can take on-line, with credits applied to your Squadron transcript. Keep in touch with your interest in classes and modules that will be of value to you.

Finally, a bit of advice from Dave and my experience. Whenever a class came up offering new skills that would help our boating proficiency, we prioritized the opportunity. We recognized that we are a volunteer organization with great roots and credentials. Collectively, we try to accommodate many peoples' needs and schedules, but know that all opportunities are not equally convenient. Our instructors have always gone the extra mile, demonstrating their commitment to the value of the material and to the life of the Squadron. Sign up and take the classes we're offering now... you won't regret it.

Squadron Educational Officer

Susan Rudy, SN

## 2022 Spring Class Schedule

### **Piloting/ Marine Navigation (Part 1)**

<b>Tuesdays</b> 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Starts: April 5, 2022 for 9 weeks Registration Required	Location: U.U. Church of Fallston, 1127 Old Fallston Road Fallston MD 21047	Cost: \$78 USPS members \$130 non-members
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Learn the skills you need to get where you're going using charts, GPS, and marine electronics, as well as a knowledge of winds, currents and tides. Includes the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation and teaches how to plan safe routes & stay on-course while underway. Covers both traditional dead-reckoning and modern electronic techniques.

### **Marine Electrical Systems**

<b>Thursdays</b> 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Starts: April 7, 2022 for 10 weeks Registration Required	Location: Weavers Marine 730 Riverside Drive Essex MD 21221	Cost: \$55 USPS members \$95 non-members
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Learn how boat electrical systems work, how to diagnose problems and do simple repairs on DC and AC powered systems. Boat electrical systems are increasingly under load with power demands for electronic navigation, radar, powered windlasses and winches, interior and exterior lighting, personal electronic devices, and more. Learn about voltage drops, current demands, wiring, & communicating with electrical contractors

## 2022 Summer-Fall Schedule

**Sail** – Starting August 2022

**Advanced Piloting/ Marine Navigation (Part 2)** – Starting September 2022

**Engine Maintenance**– Starting September 2022

**Weather** – Starting October 2022

**Boat Handling (Seamanship)** – Starting January 2023

**TO REGISTER:** Contact Susan Rudy, SEO (Squadron Educational Officer)  
 410-971-9199      [seo@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:seo@uspsdundalk.org)  
 (Advanced registration requested)

**PAST COMMANDER**  
**David Blades, SN**



Greetings! I am writing this as the outgoing Commander and just wanted to take a minute to let everyone know how much of an honor it was for me to serve the Squadron for this past year. I sincerely thank everyone for having faith in me and for trusting that I would always have “what’s best for the Squadron” foremost in my mind. I would especially like to thank my Bridge and Executive Committee for their hard work and dedication. You persevered through some very trying times due to the ongoing pandemic.

I would like to thank the Change of Watch Committee, Susan Rudy, John Hall, Eileen Riley, Jeanne Galvin and Barbara Lash, for making our Change of Watch ceremony and luncheon the VERY successful and wonderful event that it was, Doug Riley for serving as Master of Ceremonies, District 5 Lt/C Penn Hess as the Presiding Officer and also Sea Scouts Abigail Clarke, Antonio Nunez, Caroline Oliver and Jackson Perault for their presentation of the Colors, Boy Scout Oath, Boy Scout Law and Sea Scout Promise.

I would like to wish all the best for incoming Commander John Hall and thank him for stepping up again (number 4!) and accepting the mantle of leadership. I ask that everyone give him the support that was so readily given me.

Again, it has been my honor to serve as Commander and I hope to see everyone many times this coming year, either at a meeting or event and most definitely out on the water of the magnificent Chesapeake Bay!

Respectfully,

David Blades  
Immediate Past Commander

***Change of Watch Photos March 2022 — See pages 9-11 for more COW photos***





## SECRETARY

*Ned Dexter, P*



Happy spring, merry mariners! Thanks for re-electing me! In lieu of the dark and glamorous mysteries of minutes-keeping, I researched the Notices to Mariners, and noted that if you are out and about below the Patapsco, keep an eye on the dredging activity around the Ever Forward, Evergreen's grounded container-ship. Haven't heard why it struck...but from the track it sure looks like they missed the dogleg in the channel and kept going straight, striking the eastern edge of the channel where it is about 20' too shallow for their draft, at a reported 13 knots. Well, we'll see; unless something broke, it looks sort of bad for the Master, or the Bay Pilot aboard. Hopefully it's gone by the time we all hit the water in earnest.

So, the next best topic is vessel preparation, including getting ready for your Vessel Safety Check:

- The USCG requirements for recreational vessels are on-line at:  
<https://www.uscgboating.org/images/420.PDF> .
- Maryland DNR's equipment and safety guidance can be found at Regulations:  
: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Documents/Maryland-Boating-Regs-2021.pdf>
- Equipment Checklist:  
[https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Documents/BoatingSafety/Required\\_Equipment\\_Checklist.pdf](https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Documents/BoatingSafety/Required_Equipment_Checklist.pdf)
- If you want to do a preliminary VSC yourself before our inspector gets there, USPS/ABC National has their Vessel Safety Check Form online at  
[https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Safety/vsc/VSC\\_ANSC7012\\_Rev5.pdf](https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Safety/vsc/VSC_ANSC7012_Rev5.pdf) .

**S/V Certainty:** Our baby is under tarps in the yard at Maryland Marina for the winter, shooting for a launch in early May. No major repairs 'On The Horizon' for this year, but the plan this spring is to do some upgrades in the cabin – I replaced the floor with a laminate a couple of years ago, rewired the mast and upgraded the electrical panel to accommodate the new anchoring, cruising, and deck lights in 2020, added a better bilge pump last year, and this year I replaced the one-burner stove (found out the old one was recalled in like 2001 for gas leaks, which has happened) and am going to try to raise the kitchenette counter-top a little – it has settled a bit over the years (it's an '84 hull), making it harder to slide the lower doors to access the cookware storage area, and the outgoing through-hull for the sink and bilge pump. Also want to do some re-wiring, some of the 120v stuff was done with household wire instead of marine wire, aaagh!! Not much, fortunately, just from the electrical panel to the bathroom outlet on the starboard side, I think. I already replaced the main 12v line from the battery bank to the panel after the old one failed...and I found out why, there was a loosely taped wire-nut connection hanging down into the bilge under the cockpit, aaaagh! Oh well, every day in every way she's getting better and better.

Then just gotta scrape and paint the antifouling on the lower hull, wash her, check every screw and fitting, de-winterize and mount the outboard, check the nav lights, step the mast, lube and check the trailer, and we're off for the move ¼ mile up Frog Mortar Creek to Parkside Marina, where she lives for the season. O well, that's what weekends are for. Hope to see you out there!

Your humble scribe,  
Ned Dexter, P, Secretary



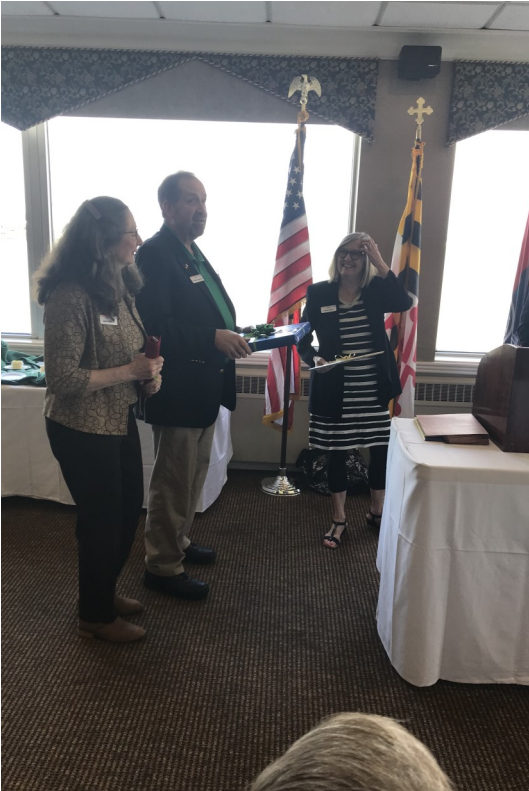
<b>2022</b> Cruise name	<b>DSPS</b> Dates	<b>CRUISE</b> Destination	<b>SCHEDULE</b> Cruise masters
Sea Scouts Service Weekend Cruise to St. Michaels	June 17-19	Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum 213 N Talbot Street St Michaels, Maryland 21663 (410) 745-2916	Barbara Lash, 443-417-5783 barbaralash@gmail.com
Wurst Cookout Ever Cruise	July 15-17	Baltimore Yacht Club 800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road Essex, Maryland 21221 <a href="tel:4106822310">(410) 682-2310</a>	Mary and John Hall 410-823-5698 mlhall767@gmail.com jhall767@gmail.com
Rock Hall Crab Dinner Cruise	August 12-14	North Point Marina 5639 Walnut Street Rock Hall, MD 21661 (410) 639-2907	Susan Rudy, David Blades 410-661-4790 sfrudy@gmail.com david.blades28@gmail.com
	September 9-11	Chestertown Marina 211 S Water Street Chestertown, MD 21620 (410) 778-3616	Jeanne Galvin, Ned Dexter 410-665-5402 <a href="mailto:esx520@hotmail.com">esx520@hotmail.com</a> certainty404@comcast.net
Fall Foliage Raft-Out Cruise	September 30 to October 2	Chesapeake Inn Restaurant & Marina 605 Second Street Chesapeake City, MD 21915 410-885-2040	Eileen and Doug Riley 410-825-9632 eileencriley@gmail.com douglasbriley@outlook.com

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Change of Watch — March 2022



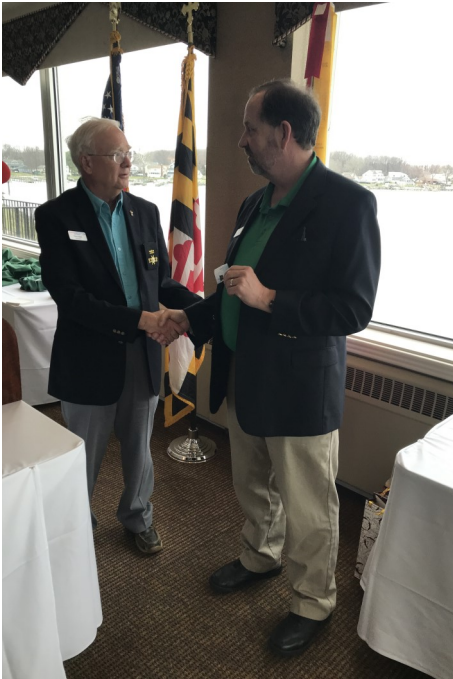


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Holiday Party December 2022 (continued)



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