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MAY EVENTS

May 18th DSPS General Meeting at The Bowman Restaurant

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

Details coming in the Blast

Third Thursday Seminar Series at Maryland Yacht Club

1500 Fairview Beach Road, Pasadena MD 21122

Starting May 19, 2022; 7-9 pm

Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio

To register, contact Susan Rudy, at 410-971-9199, or SEO@USPSDUNDALK.ORG

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COMMANDER
John L. Hall, AP



Commander's Report

If you weren't able to make to the District 5 Spring Conference you missed a great time and a lot of good information. It was the first spring conference since 2019 and we went all out for the hospitality suite. Many thanks to everyone who helped. Everyone was welcome at "Sloppy Joe's Boating Club" in Key West. Our room was based on the "Old man and the VS-Sea". A shameless copy of Earnest Hemmingway's Old Man and the Sea. Our drink was based on a favorite of Hemmingway's and the food was – sloppy joe's sliders. Both beef and turkey. For snacks/bait we had goldfish and gummy worms.

The tale of the old man was the same, but this time Santiago was also worried if he had the proper safety equipment for his boat. We had his boat there rigged with a special sail that could only have come from Dundalk. Each guest was tasked with performing a Vessel Safety Check on one of three vessels. Either Santiago's skiff, Hemmingway's Pilar or my boat, At Last. They could do it based on the laws of 1939, 1960 or the present day. If you did it correctly you were awarded a Vessel Examiner sticker if not a VE in training sticker was issued.

To help set the tone we had Captain Obvious (Lt/C Ned Dexter) tending bar with his cat Snowball. Ship Captain Stanley Dexter, A relative of Ned's, was the one who introduced Snowball the polydactyl (six toed) cat to Hemmingway. There are many six toed descendants of Snowball roaming the Hemmingway house in Key West to this day. There were murals of the ocean, beach and the bar on the walls. Santiago battled sharks for the huge marlin he caught. Our suite featured sharks in the water, sharks in the air and the Ladies of the Shark! Mary and Jeanie had a blast playing the shark. The shark ladies were such a hit that when they announced the WINNING Squadron, they called for the Commander of the Shark Squadron to come forward to collect the award.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting or the next rendezvous.

Sincerely,

John L. Hall Cdr



More photos from D5 Spring Conference and DSPS Hospitality Suite on pages 10/11

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Susan Rudy, SN



Starting in May 2022: Spring classes are underway, preparing our members for a season of great boating. America's Boating Club- Baltimore (that's us!) is partnering with Maryland Yacht Club to offer a series of USPS seminars, starting in May.

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This seminar will be free* and open to the boating public, and our Boating Club members are welcomed to attend. Michael Maszczenski, SEO of ABC Annapolis and Asst DEO will teach the seminar. Thanks Mike!

*For USPS members who desire credit for USPS seminars to be recorded in your transcript, a \$25 fee applies. (Note, the Marine VHF Seminar is one of the requirements for on-the-water certification described below)

Mark your calendars for the future dates: June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15. Future Seminar Topics to include: Partner in Command, Knots and Line Handling, and Introduction to Weather.

On-the-Water Certification Opportunity: June 25-26 at Kent Narrows:

America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic Boat School

An opportunity for On-The-Water Skills demonstration is being offered on June 25-26, 2022 in the vicinity Kent Narrows and involves demonstrating the skills required for each level. Levels available for skills demonstration at this event are: Inland Navigator (IN), Coastal Navigator (CN), and Advanced Coastal Navigator (ACN). The skills demonstration is one of several requirements needed to attain certification process. Each level also has educational requirements of USPS Classes & Seminars (or equivalents.) Please look for the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, and contact P/C John Locke at locke806@gmail.com or 443-262-6892 with questions.

Looking to the fall schedule: The Education Committee continues to plan for fall classes and seminars. Let me know your interests and we will accommodate!

--Susan Rudy, SEO , 410-971-9199 (cell phone- leave a message or text)

Awards from Change of Watch 2022

David J. Heikkila Fellowship Award

Given to a member selected as contributing most significantly to creating a spirit of comradeship and friendship among members.

Awarded this year to Lt/C Susan Rudy SN. Susan was instrumental in organizing several squadron events including the cruises to Maryland Yacht Clubs Opening Weekend, The Crab Dinner Cruise to North Point Marina in Rock Hall and the Squadron Holiday Party. Susan also served as Chairperson of the Membership Committee spending many hours contacting potential members, many of whom joined as members and contacting current members just to see how they were making out during the COVID pandemic and to let them know that she was thinking of them.

Thank you, Susan, for your service to the Squadron!

The Robinson Award

Given to a member with less than two years in the Squadron who has demonstrated superior member involvement and service to the Squadron.

Awarded this year to Lt/C John Malone S. Within his first year in the Squadron John stepped up to become the Assistant Administrative Officer and then, one year later, the Administrative Officer. During his tenure in these positions John has demonstrated superior leadership in the Administrative Department by engaging high quality speakers for our General Membership Meetings and ensuring that the Membership Committee and Cruise Planning Committees were involved at meetings and information disseminated to the membership at large. John was, and is, a strong presence at meetings engaging members with a sincere interest in not only their interests in boating but also in the personally.

Thank you, John, for your service to the Squadron!

The Busted Shamrock Award

Awarded by the Commander to the individual who has had the greatest lapse of good sense during the year.

Given that the Commander received NO reports of any Squadron member exhibiting the qualities called for in the description of this award, it was determined that this year the COVID pandemic would be the recipient! The pandemic thought, erroneously, that it could dishearten our great Squadron and keep us from engaging in the fellowship that we so enjoy and is the lifeblood of our organization. WOW, WAS IT EVER WRONG!!! Not only were we able to continue our meetings, either through Zoom or a hybrid of in-person and Zoom, we thrived. We were also able to safely resume our cherished Squadron events with many cruises and great events such as the Wurst Cookout Ever, the Crab Dinner Cruise and the Squadron's Annual Holiday Party. Just try to keep Dundalk/Baltimore down!

Enjoy your Busted Shamrock COVID, you certainly EARNED IT.

SECRETARY

Ned Dexter, P



Greetings, shipmates! And congratulations to the new officers for this year! Instead of revealing any of the dark and glamorous mysteries of minutes-keeping, I have been talking to some of my emergency response pals regarding the Ever Stuck, I mean, the Ever Forward, the container ship stuck just east of the Baltimore Channel off of Gibson Island. 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.

Aids to Navigation. Looking at other issues with aids to navigation, the most recent Notices to Mariners notes that the winter took a toll on some local ATONs: the Brewerton Channel Eastern Extension Range Rear Light and the Pooles Island Light are temporarily extinguished, and the Elk River Channel West Range Rear Light and Bohemia River Light 2 were damaged and may not be working properly, but the Craighill Channel Upper Range Front Light was fixed and relit. If you are going north or south, though, there are many missing, damaged or off-station ATONs, particularly in New Jersey and North Carolina waters because they suffer more abuse from the weather than those in our nice peaceful Chesapeake. So, don't forget to check those warnings occasionally, you can find them on the Coast Guard's webpage at [Local Notice to Mariners
 \(uscg.gov\)](https://www.uscg.gov).

District 5 Spring Meeting: We had big fun at the D5 Spring Meeting in Ocean City! We scored an easy victory as the best hospitality suite, that was entitled "Sloppy Joe's Boating Club" after Hemingway's favorite watering hole in Key West. It featured the "Old Man and the V-S-Sea" Vessel Safety Check challenge on a real boat transported into the room with considerable difficulty, marlins, sharks, a visit by the noted salvage captain Harold Stanley Dexter who gave Hemingway his first of many polydactyl cats, and other Hemingway-themed paraphernalia. Visitors were wowed by the VSC choices which allowed you to apply the appropriate rules for a boat in the 1930s, the 1960s, or the present day, as well as by the excellent Sloppy Joes that were served, and puckery Hemingway Daiquiris (he didn't like sweet stuff). The combined forces of three mighty squadrons honored our own P/D/C Walter Neese and the other two District Commanders that were not properly feted during the pandemic party postponements, and Commander John Hall, flanked by the other DSPS members in attendance, gave a rousing speech thanking Walter for his mighty reign and accomplishments under difficult circumstances. A good time was had by all!

Captain Harold Stanley Dexter was a highly respected shipwreck and salvage captain. He had sailed to Key West from his home in Massachusetts with a white six-toed cat named Snowball. They were both well-regarded on the docks of Key West.

Dexter and Snowball knew Hemingway from the docks. Hemingway was intrigued with the six-toed cat, so Dexter gifted him with a kitten from Snowball's litter.

Cats have been welcomed aboard ships since ancient times. Pictured above is Blackie, the official cat of the HMS Prince of Wales, who is famous for having once greeted Winston Churchill.

The Hemingway boys named the kitten Snow White, and as Hemingway once wrote, "One cat just leads to another." Hemingway named the subsequent six-toed kittens after his famous friends.

Visit the Cat Cemetery to learn the names of all the cats that have lived on the estate. Yes, many of them are related to the original Snowball.

Captain Harold Stanley Dexter lived in Key West from 1921-1937.

Hemingway sons Patrick and Gregory with their six-toed cat, Snow White.

For More Info Scan Here

Captain Dexter and Snowball: The First Six-Toed Cat

S/V Certainty: Our baby is still under tarps in the yard at Maryland Marina for the winter, and still shooting for a launch in early May. Just waiting for it to get warm enough to refresh the anti-fouling paint on the hull, it's got to be persistently over 50 degrees supposedly. Also, we need to check the flares and whatnot, so we don't flunk our VSC.

Hope to see you out there!

Your humble scribe,
Ned Dexter, P, Secretary



CRUISE SCHEDULE 2022

<p>2022 Cruise name</p>	<p>DSPS Dates</p>	<p>CRUISE Destination</p>	<p>SCHEDULE Cruise masters</p>
<p>Sea Scouts Service Weekend Cruise to St. Michaels</p>	<p>June 17-19</p>	<p>Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum 213 N Talbot Street St Michaels, Maryland 21663 (410) 745-2916</p>	<p>Barbara Lash, 443-417-5783 barbaralash@gmail.com</p>
<p>Wurst Cookout Ever Cruise</p>	<p>July 15-17</p>	<p>Baltimore Yacht Club 800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road Essex, Maryland 21221 (410) 682-2310</p>	<p>Mary and John Hall 410-823-5698 mlhall767@gmail.com jhall767@gmail.com</p>
<p>Rock Hall Crab Dinner Cruise</p>	<p>August 19-21</p>	<p>North Point Marina 5639 Walnut Street Rock Hall, MD 21661 (410) 639-2907</p>	<p>Susan Rudy, David Blades 410-971-9199 sfrudy@juno.com david.blades28@gmail.com</p>
<p>Last Cruise of the Summertime</p>	<p>September 9-11</p>	<p>Chestertown Marina 211 S Water Street Chestertown, MD 21620 (410) 778-3616</p>	<p>Jeanne Galvin, Ned Dexter 410-665-5402 esx520@hotmail.com certainty404@comcast.net</p>
<p>Fall Foliage Raft-Out Cruise</p>	<p>September 30 to October 2</p>	<p>Chesapeake Inn Restaurant & Marina 605 Second Street Chesapeake City, MD 21915 410-885-2040</p>	<p>Eileen and Doug Riley 410-825-9632 eileencriley@gmail.com douglasbriley@outlook.com</p>

Cruise masters will provide details about each cruise in cruise flyers and on the Squadron's website as they become available.

Boaters will make their own slip reservations.

ADDITIONAL CRUISE OPPORTUNITIES

From June 19, 2022 to July 9, 2022, Susan Rudy & David Blades will be sailing *Tiphys* south from St. Michaels to the Rappahannock River in Virginia and home again to Maryland Yacht Club in Pasadena, Maryland. They welcome the company of other boats and boaters for all or any part of their three-week summer cruise. For more information:

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America's Boating Club of Valley Forge has invited other clubs and squadrons to join their Summer Cruise to the following exciting places:

Friday, June 17	Baltimore Yacht Club, Sue Island
Saturday, June 18	Baltimore Yacht Club, Sue Island
Sunday, June 19	Harbor East Marina, Baltimore
Monday, June 20	Harbor East Marina, Baltimore
Tuesday, June 21	The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
Wednesday, June 22	The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
Thursday, June 23	Herrington Harbor South, Herring Bay
Friday, June 24	Herrington Harbor South, Herring Bay
Saturday, June 25	Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall

For more information:

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AED/CPR announcement:

To help fulfill the mission of the Squadron we are encouraging our members to become certified in both AED use and CPR. **At our April membership meeting we voted to reimburse any members who take an AED/CPR course up to \$75.** This is a great opportunity for the members. It is good for the squadron and it is good for the community. I hope everyone takes advantage of this important safety opportunity. We are hoping to set up a group training session at one of our squadron rendezvous this year so keep an eye out for that.

USPS National Town Hall discussing Reorganization

The second Town Hall hosted by the Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee will be held 8 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. The last Town Hall discussion focused largely on the future of districts. The committee is taking this advice and is folding it into its recommendations. Here's an update on the district discussion: <https://uspowersquadrons.sharefile.com/d-s0c6977ef4d154a63a579d9cb748693c2>. To be clear—no decisions have been made—input is being continually sought.

Members are encouraged to attend. The focus will be on changes being recommended in the areas of education, communications, marketing and membership, and squadron events and activities. Also, to be discussed will be recommended national level changes that will help local clubs.

This is a special opportunity for local leadership to provide input on these changes, what they want, and how they think services can best be delivered to their groups. This is also an opportunity to join the effort since implementation teams are being assembled now. If you have questions for the participants, please email them to ABClub.Reorganization@gmail.com before the Town Hall event. Please let them know what club you're with and if you're not the commander, what office you hold. Questions on the topics presented during the Town Hall will be answered after the presentation if emailed to ABClub.Reorganization@gmail.com. This email address will be monitored during the Town Hall.

A great way to enjoy the program is to set up a watch party with fellow members, learn what's happening, email questions, and enjoy each other's company. Make it a party! Here's how to join with Free Conference Call.

- To join online for Video and Screen Sharing: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc>.
- To have us call you
https://www.freeconferencecall.com/backup?dial_number=4254366377&access_code=834882
- By phone with one tap mobile dialing: 4254366377,,834882
- If you have trouble connecting: Text 'Call Me' to (425) 436-6377 to receive a call back; then dial 834882 to join the meeting

If you missed the first Town Hall, check out this link to the presentation:

<https://uspowersquadrons.sharefile.com/d-s67894c42b1164d01ad1ccda57e2c07db>.

This is your chance to learn, firsthand, what's happening and make your club's voice heard. Take advantage of it!

Sincerely,

Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Joseph K. Deady, SN

**Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron will be present to perform
Vessel Safety Checks at the following dates and times:**

Bush River June 11 from 10 to 2

Gunpowder Cove Marina May 21 From 10 to 2

*If you would like to participate in these events contact P/C Street Broadbent
streett@easystreett.com*

Sincerely,
Joseph Deady, Executive Officer



America's Boating Channel

America's Boating Channel, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard and produced by United States Power Squadrons, is the official showcase and repository for digital videos focused on boating safety and boater education.

The first video in **America's Boating Channel's**™ sixth season of boating safety and boater education videos, "**FIRE EXTINGUISHER REGULATIONS**," premiered on April 20 and is available to watch on YouTube on AmericasBoatingChannel.com, along with several other excellent videos.

"**FIRE EXTINGUISHER REGULATIONS**" covers the new rule that separates commercial and recreational vessel fire protection requirements. Viewers will learn how to ensure that all required portable fire extinguishers comply. Also featured are tips for preventing onboard fires in the first place.

Make sure to check out AmericasBoatingChannel.com.



America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic Boat School

On The Water Skills Demonstration For IN, CN, and ACN certification

Where: On the Chesapeake Bay in the vicinity of Kent Narrows, MD

When: 0900 25 – 26 June 2022

Boat Schools were created by the Boat Operator Certification Committee of USPS for the purpose of organizing regional events that bring together certification candidates and certifiers in one location. This method combines all the resources needed in one location to allow certification candidates to complete their on the water skill demonstrations in a four hour period.

Certifiers will be available to certify candidates' abilities during skill demonstrations for Inland Navigator (IN), Coastal Navigator (CN) and Advanced Coastal Navigator (ACN).

These are not training sessions. The candidate is expected to have experience performing the various required skills and can demonstrate those skills to the certifier.

The required skills are listed in the guides and checklist for the three certification levels and are available for download on the USPS Boat Operator Certification Web Page at the below link:

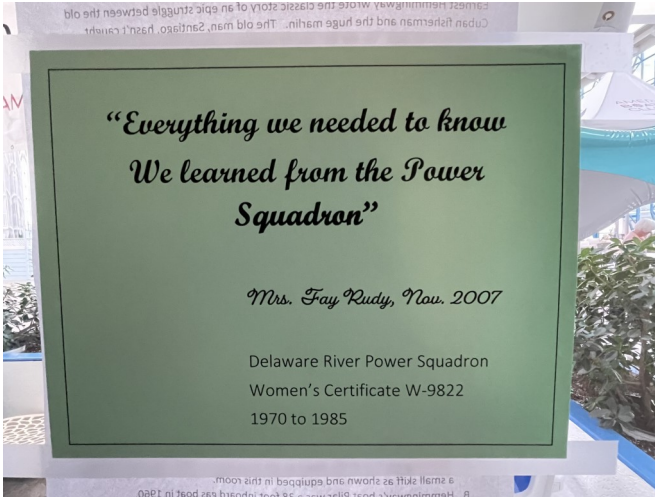
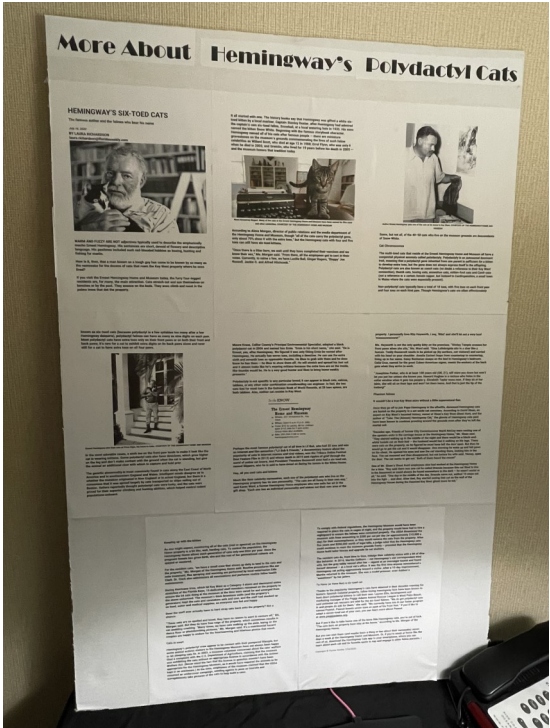
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Photos from D5 Spring Conference and D5PS Hospitality Suite April 2022



More Photos from D5 Spring Conference and DSPS Hospitality Suite



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