

On The Horizon

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

November 16

DSPS General Meeting at The Bowman Restaurant

9306 Harford Rd., Parkville MD *Dinner available from 6:00pm

*Meeting starts at 7:30pm

December 14

Annual Holiday Party at The Bowman Restaurant

9306 Harford Rd., Parkville MD From 6:00pm to 9pm

See Flyer on Page for Registration Form

Registration Required by December 8

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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COMMANDER
John L. Hall, AP



Commander's Report

Mary and I had the pleasure of representing the squadron at the D5 Fall Education Conference. There were several interesting meetings and seminars. One very intriguing item was a course called jump start where an instructor goes out with new boat owner on that owner's boat and teaches about boating while on the water. I'll be working with our SEO, Susan Rudy, SN to see if we can provide this service. We also learned about using a document camera while teaching. This is a camera designed to help you teach remotely by showing documents, charts or other teaching aides on a tabletop. I've already constructed one and used it in the Marine Electrical Systems course.

We also saw a preview of the new series of USPS Inlet drone instructional videos. The drones they use are tiny. To get around some restrictions they are less than 250 grams or 9 ounces. So small that we were treated to a drone demonstration in one of the classrooms. Although these videos aren't due to be released until later this month, we plan on showing them at our November meeting on the 16th.

Speaking of meetings our annual Holiday Party and Pirate's gift exchange is always a lot of fun. It's the SECOND Wednesday of December this year. December 14th. The flyer is in this newsletter. Bring your friends and family and Please get your registration in early!

This month we have completed OTW training courses with the Sea Scouts. First was nighttime navigation course on Doug and Eileen Riley's boat Lorenzo. This consisted of going out at around sunset and navigating into the darkness of the night by using the charts and lights. The second one was during the day on At Last and this one consisted of taking bearings, using GPS and using radar. One of the bearings was a doubling of the angle – who remembers that one? If not talk to our SEO – She's looking to schedule an AP course in the near future.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting.

Sincerely,
John L. Hall Cdr

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Susan Rudy, SN



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fall Classes:

Seven students took and passed America's Boating Course, including DSPS members Maria and Deseray Blaker, Sea Scout Suzanne Erny, John Malone, and Bill Mann. Non-members Mark Donovan and Jaime Salcedo also took and passed. Thanks to P/C Streett Broadbent for his commitment to safe boater education and for making this class come to fruition!

Marine Electrical Systems and Boat Handling classes are underway, with a combination of in-person and on-line instruction.

In all ongoing classes, our DSPS members are encouraged to reach out to your non-member classmates invite them to join and get involved.

Calling all Pilots!

If you previously have taken the USPS Piloting Class, consider upping your game to the grade of "AP". The plan is to offer Advanced Piloting in the spring. We'll include a refresher on Piloting essentials for those who'd like to brush up on skills first. Please contact your SEO with your interest.

Tentative Spring Schedule

Weather, Engine Maintenance, and Advanced Piloting are on deck for the spring. Stay tuned for the schedule.

Note that Asst. DEO and SEO Michael Maszczenski of Annapolis Squadron will offer a Beta version of the new Marine Navigation course on zoom starting in January. Contact him at michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com for more info.

Every day on the water is a chance to learn something new!



--Susan Rudy, SEO , 410-971-9199 (cell phone- leave a message or text)
or email to SEO@uspsdundalk.org

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Joseph Deady, SN

As our boating season winds down I would like to thank and congratulate our Squadron Vessel Safety Inspectors. They have performed 86 inspections and awarded 60 decals to passing vessels. I would also like to invite other squadron members to consider becoming an inspector and helping our squadron continue to promoting Boating Safety.

Anyone interested in becoming certified as a Vessel Safety Inspector please contact P/C Streett Broadbent and sign up for the online course and certification.

Executive Officer
Lt Joseph Deady SN

Behind the Scenes of LIFE JACKET WEAR

Raleigh, NC, 20 October 2022 – **America's Boating Channel™** is now releasing still photos taken during production of "**LIFE JACKET WEAR**," its sixth Season Six boating safety and boater education video.



Every Friday morning at 9:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), a new behind-the-scenes album for a Season Six video will debut on **America's Boating Channel's** Facebook page.

This week, the "**LIFE JACKET WEAR**" video will be highlighted concurrently on **AmericasBoatingChannel.com**, America's Boating Channel on YouTube, and across online social media.

"**LIFE JACKET WEAR**" covers the benefits of wearing life jackets whenever a boat is underway. Viewers will learn how difficult it can be to don a life jacket in the water and how to do safely do so. Also featured are tips for developing new habits with life jackets that can save lives.

America's Boating Channel's sixth season of videos, which premiered throughout the 2022 boating season, includes "**FIRE EXTINGUISHER REGULATIONS**," "**DEFENSIVE BOATING**," "**DIGITAL CHARTS AND VIRTUAL ATONS**," "**COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC**," "**TRAILERING A BOAT**," "**LIFE JACKET WEAR**," "**BOAT OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**," "**NAVIGATING IN-LETS**," "**ELECTRONIC VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS**," and "**CAPACITY COMPLIANCE**."

BRIGHTEN YOUR HOLIDAYS

America's Boating Club – Baltimore invites you and your boating friends to our **annual Holiday Party**

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Bowman Restaurant 9306 Harford Road, Parkville MD 21234

Dinner Selections

<u>Chicken Marsala</u>	<u>Grilled Norwegian Salmon</u>	<u>Filet Mignon</u>
\$32.00	\$34.00	\$40.00

Dinner includes Appetizers, Salad, Baked Potato, Rolls, & Dessert.

Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea included

6 pm-Hor d'oeuvres & Cash Bar; **7 pm**-Dinner; **7:45**-Gift exchange

PIRATES' GIFT EXCHANGE Please bring a wrapped gift, Value around \$15.00 to swap And exchange—like Pirates!

TOYS FOR KIDS The Sea Scouts are collecting new unwrapped toys for kids For ministries in Harford Co.



Registration Required by December 8, 2022

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Meal Choice (circle one)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. _____	Chicken Salmon Filet	_____
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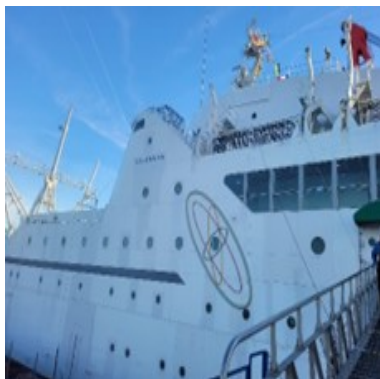
Mail with your address, phone # and check payable to DSPS to P/Lt/C
 Bobby Blaker, 91 Blondell Court, Timonium MD 21093
 (questions call 410-308-2148)

SECRETARY
Ned Dexter, P



Well, once again, not much to report about from the otherwise dark and glamorous world of notes-taking especially since we missed a couple of meetings due to vacations and whatnot. It was a busy couple of months, though, here's what I can offer:

NS Savannah: Thanks to an invitation from Lt/C Barbara Lash, I got to attend the removal of the reactor vessel from the Nuclear Ship Savannah. It was a beautiful day, although a bit windy. Talked with the engineer who gave us a briefing a couple of years ago, Ehrhard Kohler, and got some good pictures. As you may recall, the ship was built during the Eisenhower administration as an example of the possible peaceful uses of nuclear power, and served as a passenger and cargo vessel for over 10 years. They pulled the nuclear fuel out years ago, and let it sit so more short-lived isotopes in the pipes etc. could decay before decontaminating and removing the still-radioactive bits. After carefully lifting it out of the reactor compartment, they lowered it inch by inch into a large tubular metal sarcophagus and sealed it in. It will be filled with cement, and ultimately shipped by rail to a disposal site in Utah. They hope to turn the ship into a museum, to join the other historic ships docked in Baltimore. FUN!



Weather: The SEO is setting me up to teach the full 8 week Weather course if anyone is interested, probably after the new year and probably up at the lovely Falston UU Church just off Mountain Rd./Md 152. Watch for details.

S/V Certainty: S/V Certainty, the Terror of Frogmortar Creek, is now safely on the hard at Maryland Marina. Hah, we tried to sail her last weekend before we pulled her out but there was no wind on Friday – the ducks were leaving larger wakes than we were. Still gotta drop the mast and winterize her but she seems in good shape. Moderate list of things to do over the winter, hope it isn't too cold.

Your humble scribe,
Ned Dexter, P, Secretary

LAST CRUISE OF THE SEASON

Cambridge, Oxford, Knapps Narrows & Herring Bay

In early November, our good fortune brought Dave, myself and S.V. Tiphys to the Choptank River for our last cruise of the season. Time spent with family and boating friends highlighted our trip, as did cultural experiences including Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, stops on the Underground Railroad living history tour, and a live play production by the Tred Avon Players. We met up with DSPS members Brad and Pat Houck in Oxford and rafted by the strand with their lovely Beneteau "Serenity".

On the last evening of the trip, we were touched and inspired by an impromptu conversation with a 92-year old retired waterman we met when we walked out across the Knapps Narrows drawbridge for ice cream. At Fairbanks Bait and Tackle Shop on Tilghman Island, Stanley Larrimore recounted his experiences captaining three different skipjacks over his 40 years of crabbing and oystering, including a reflection on the price of crabs (he recalled earning \$1 per bushel). It was a good life, he reported, but many found it hard to retire.

For our part, we told him of our trip that day travelling through the fog from Oxford and told him how our navigational education with the United States Power Squadrons had helped. Stanley then recounted his experience as a young new captain caught in a thick fog. His father and uncle were working nearby in other vessels, and when the fog rolled in he was instructed to follow them back to port. Now Stanley had kept a dead reckoning of his trip out to the fishing grounds, maintaining a log of course and time and then estimating vessel speed and calculating distance to the best of his ability in those days before GPS. On the return trip he noticed those more experienced mariners to be straying from the course he expected. Young Stanley trusted his own computation and found his way directly home. As reported with a twinkle in his eyes- his mentors overshot the mark and were much delayed in making port.

The last leg of our trip featured southerly winds, perfect for a brisk sail across the bay to Herrington Harbor and plenty of sunshine and warmth for offloading gear and cleaning canvas. On the day of haul out in the early morning twilight, the Lunar Eclipse was due to occur. Clear skies allowed our viewing of the Greatest Totality- the moon glowing red in the grey sky- from the comfort of our companionway. We considered that a win, even though the extreme low tides exacerbated by the wind veering north sucked the water from the haul-out slip and delayed the final trip to land.

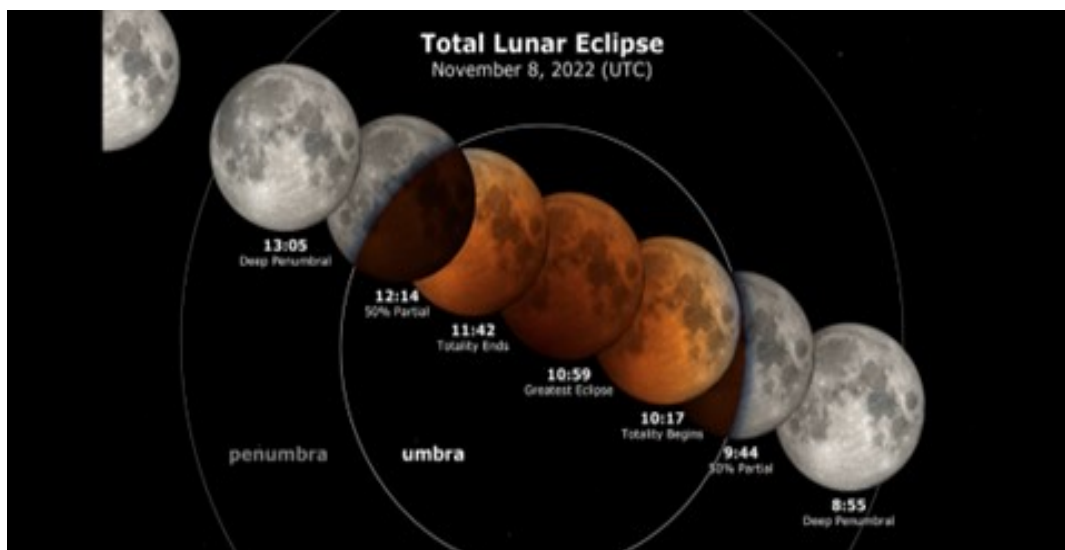
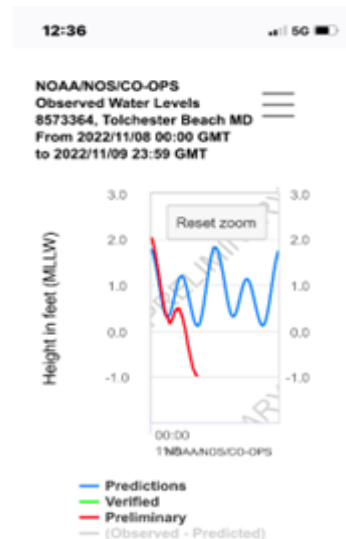


More Photos from Last Cruise of Season on Pages 8 and 9

Cambridge, Oxford, Knapps Narrows, and Herring Bay



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