



*Fun, Friends...and Better Boating!*  
*Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron*



# THE LUBBER'S LINE

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## *Christmas Social*



This year's Holiday Social on 8 December was held at the Brandywine Town Center. The squadron provided the sandwiches, salads and beverages. Our members brought plenty of appetizers and desserts to share. We had 31 people attend this year. We also had two potential new members – John & Colleen Schleicher attend, they have joined us on the past two WSPS summer cruises.

This year's activities included a white elephant exchange which we will have to do again! Thanks to Barbara Sharpless and Terry Butler for leading the event.



The holidays are a difficult time of year to be away from home. We collected over 15 boxes which were delivered to the Wilmington Seamen Center. The donations were appreciated by the center and of course the seamen. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Thanks also to the members who helped decorate, pick up food & set up tables:

Chris & Mark Atkinson, Leslie Brower, Bruce Wyngaard, Terry & Richard Butler, Bev & Bart Wilson, Carol Hanson, Dennis Wallace, John Ingram & Geri Walker.



*Lt Betty Ingram, P  
Assemblies Chairperson*



*Gypsy 11*



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## Our Commander's Message



Hello Fellow Squadron Members,  
Good news! The Winter Solstice has passed and day-light hours are getting longer! After a fun WSPS Christmas Social, we are looking forward to being together at Squadron gatherings in coming months!

The annual summer Cruise Committee met in December at Donna and Bill Zimmerman's for a productive planning session! Additionally, we welcomed new members John and Colleen Schleicher to our boating club!

Hopefully you had a chance to review the important email sent out to Squadron members in November. To recap, because of the decline in membership and challenges in recruiting new members, a market study was completed by ABC. The results, not surprising, found that USPS, who has been doing business the same way for 100 years, was viewed as being stogy and out of touch. Times have changed. Today's boaters are more diverse, with different interests and less time devoted to boating activities. Families are busier. Technology has changed entertainment and learning, with introductory boating courses found for free on the internet. The economic downturn a few years ago has had a lasting impact, and traditional baby-boomer boaters are aging out. Many boaters have not heard of the United States Power Squadrons or they get us mixed up with other organizations.

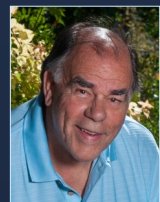
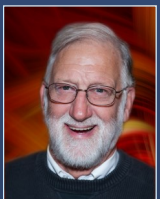
One of the recommendations implemented was to change the name to something people interested in boating could easily identify. USPS adopted the name USPS "doing business as" America's Boating Club about two years ago. The name upgrade from USPS to America's Boating Club has been reflected in our Lubber's Line Newsletter and letterhead.

In order to be consistent with branding, ABC is asking all squadrons to incorporate America's Boating Club into their name., i.e., WSPS, doing business as America's Club - Wilmington. Within the past year, over 30% of the squadrons in our District of 31 squadrons have added to their name, i.e., America's Boating Club – Annapolis, and America's Boating Club - Baltimore, formerly Dundalk Power Squadron. Other Squadrons in our District are in discussion/process regarding a "doing business as" name addition. This has been under discussion with our WSPS Executive Committee. No decision has been made to add to our name; however, if we were to add to our name – what would best reflect who we are? America's Boating Club – Wilmington is one option, but given that most of the members in our Squadron do not and would not boat out of the port of Wilmington, suggestions are welcome!

District Commander's Conference calls occur monthly. and I will keep you up to date.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts about this, and if you support and/or have suggestions for a name change. I appreciate the handful of responses I have received, two with suggested name changes, ABC – Delaware, which is already taken by the Delaware River Squadron, and. ABC Upper Chesapeake Bay. This is your squadron, your boating club! We want to reflect your thoughts in any decisions made. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our monthly WSPS Socials!

*Cdr Carol Hanson, P*







## *Executive Officer's Report*



This year the D/5 fall conference was held in Fredericksburg Virginia. The fall conference traditionally focuses on the educational programs ongoing across the district. Primarily, because of the influence of technology, there are always important updates to the programs and to how program logistics and reporting are carried out.

For those who have not paying close attention, the Seamanship course is now titled Boat Handling. After completing the course which can be done as six separate seminars, the student is referred to as an Inland Navigator and has the letter S listed as their grade designator. Piloting has become Coastal Navigation, Advanced Piloting has become Advanced Coastal Navigation, Junior Navigation has become Offshore Navigation and Navigation has become Celestial Navigation. Celestial Navigator plus five electives earns members the title of Senior Navigator. If you would like to chase the wintertime blues away by taking a member course or a seminar, get in touch with Dave Benfer, our squadron SEO.

In addition to educational reports and awards, there was much discussion of the National Governing Board Meeting that was held last October in Louisville Kentucky. Walter Neese, our District Commander, not only covered the summary, but also the emotion that surrounded many of the controversial ideas discussed there. As one might expect, Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron is one or perhaps two steps ahead of many other squadrons in adopting the popular ideas that have a clear relation to member retention and to attracting new members. It is clear that across the nation all of the most successful squadrons have a clear understanding of their member's wants and needs, and are finding many good ways to use the increased discretion offered by the National Bridge.

If you are aware of a want or need in the squadron that is going unfulfilled, or know of a way to help members grow in knowledge or confidence, do not hesitate to contact a bridge member with your idea. If you help, we can continue to remain at the front of the fleet.

*P/C W. Michael King, AP  
Executive Officer*



*Sea Lion*



## *WSPS Executive Board Nominating Committee*

Nominees for the **2020-2021 Bridge Year** are as follows:

### Bridge Officers

Commander.....	Cdr. Carol Hanson, P
Executive Officer.....	
Administrative Officer (s).....	P/C C. David Sharpless, AP P/C John G. Ingram, AP
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Assistant Secretary.....	Lt Chris A. Atkinson, AP
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P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairman)  
P/C C. David Sharpless, AP

### Nominating Committee

P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairman)  
P/C W. Michael King, AP  
P/C C. David Sharpless, AP

### Rules Committee

P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairperson)  
P/C Donald R. Engler, AP  
P/C Donna F. Zimmerman, JN

The ratifying vote by General Membership will take place on 14 February 2020 at the Founders' Day Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted for membership consideration by the

### 2019-2020 Nominating Committee

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP (Chairman)  
P/C John G. Ingram, AP  
P/C Donald R. Engler, AP

P/C Michael King, AP  
Nomination Committee Chair





# Educational Department

## Boat Education Mandates are Coming

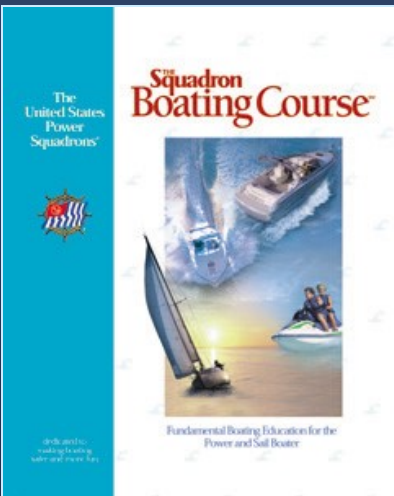
Education, the need and value of mandatory boating education specifically, is apparently gaining some quiet traction in some of the state legislatures across the country.

The incidences of boating related fatalities continue to rise across many parts of our nation. Delaware requires any boat operator born after January 1, 1978 to have an operator's certificate. These regulations have been around for many years and were set in place to create an increased level of on-water knowledge and safety awareness on the part of the boating public. Most states have some form of mandatory boating education laws. Has it helped? The frequency and severity of water-related accidents continues to be an ongoing problem, but education certainly hasn't hurt. Age phasing may take a decade or more with the final objective being - mandatory education for all boaters regardless of age and/or experience.



WSPS is still in the boating education business. Our next certification course is scheduled for April 18, 2020. Location - Delaware Safety Council offices.

Speaking of safety, at the December Holiday Social P/C Mark Atkinson made attending members aware of a Safe Driving Course offering from the Delaware Safety Council for WSPS members. See the November Assembly article in this issue of the Lubber's Line for details. These short courses offer all drivers an opportunity to save a little insurance money while sharpening our driving skills – a little.



We are still ready and willing to teach/certify the Delaware Boating Course to any qualified group. Short term notice, no problem! We are flexible!

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP  
Educational Department



Knot Again



## *Assemblies Committee*

### January Social

#### Friday, 10 January 2020 - 1830

In March 2019, Susan & I took our family to the BVI for two weeks on a chartered 44 ft. catamaran through the Sunsail Charter Service.

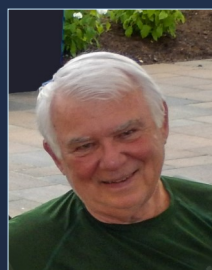
I chose the BVI because I wanted to see first-hand the level of destruction caused by hurricane Irma. It had been 19 months since the category 5 hurricane stalled over the BVI for more than three days. We were shocked and dismayed at the devastation that we saw but were amazed at the recovery that was under way. In this presentation I will discuss what we saw and some of the stories we heard from the folks who lived through the storm.

We visited Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Cooper Island, Peter Island, Norman Island and Anegada Reef.

I will also show some video and pictures from the internet that show the effects of the storm and the status of the recovery. The progress that has been made in the recovery effort is impressive but they still have a long way to go.



*Randy Williamson, JN  
Assemblies Speaker*



*Windward  
Passage*





# Assemblies Committee

## Founder's Day

### Friday 14 February 2020 - 1830

The crews of Brio and Skylark embarked on a circumnavigation of the Delmarva Peninsula on July 6th.

Originally, the Barbers, Leslie Brower & Bruce Wyngaard and the Baileys had planned to participate in the annual ARC Delmarva cruise to experience overnight, off-shore cruising.

For unknown reasons, this year's ARC Delmarva was canceled. With the guidance of experienced cruisers Kathy & Scott Mayhue, the crews of **Skylark** and **Brio** decided to undertake the circumnavigation on their own and will share experiences from their trip at this Founders' Day.



*Bill Barber  
Assemblies Speaker*



*Skylark*





## Boating Safety News

### Is it Safe to Swim in the Chesapeake Bay?

After rainfall of 1/2 inch or more, all Anne Arundel County beaches are under a no swimming/no direct water contact advisory for at least 48 hours.

Do not swim in the Bay before checking this site: [Anne Arundel County's Beach Swimming Guide](https://aahealth.org/beach-swimming-guide/); <https://aahealth.org/beach-swimming-guide/>

Never swim in cloudy, murky water or if the water has an odd appearance—greener or browner than usual.

Look for trash and other signs of pollution, such as oil slicks or scum on the water.

Do not swim in the Bay if you have an ear infection, a perforated eardrum, open cuts, scratches or skin lesions, or a compromised immune system.

Do not swim in water areas where there is a fish kill or where there are any dead animals or known algae bloom.

Try not to swallow water while swimming. When water contact cannot be avoided:

Cover wounds with water proof bandages.

Carry hand sanitizer to swimming areas and when fishing or crabbing so that wounds that occur can be cleansed immediately or have ready access to soap and water.

Wear water shoes to avoid cuts and scrapes.

Always shower following swimming in natural waters and wash hands before handling food or eating.

If you follow these simple rules, you will lower your risk for getting a water-related disease dramatically.

#### "Which Areas of the Chesapeake are Safest?"

Unfortunately, there is not a single area that is "always safe". The possibility of sewage leak, or irresponsible boater pumping out, means that any river can suddenly develop high bacterial counts. Local health departments test for bacteria from human feces (usually E. coli or Enterococci) once or twice per week. In Annapolis and surrounding areas, these results can be easily found on Anne Arundel Health Department's website: [Water Quality Report](#). These tests are performed by local health departments following guidelines set up by the EPA. The EPA's "acceptable" level of fecal bacteria is 104 or fewer bacteria colonies per 100 milliliters of water. If you are not checking this report, you would have no idea which beaches are near closure. Please note: the Water Quality Monitoring Program does NOT sample in the 48 hours after rainfall of 1/2 inch or more.



***A continuation of this article about swimming in the Chesapeake Bay and the illnesses available will be found in the next Lubber's Line March-April Issue.***

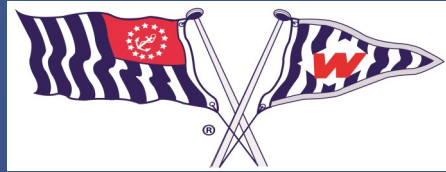
*P/C Donald Engler, AP  
Lubber's Line Editor*



*Jubilee*



## *Administrative Department*



### **WILMINGTON SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**

### **CHANGE OF WATCH - Sunday, 15 March 2020**

## **Schaefer's Canal House**

**208 Bank Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915**

*Choice of two salads: Fresh Greens, Garden Vegetables with Balsamic Vinaigrette, and Baby Spinach Leaves, Sliced Strawberries, Toasted Almonds with a warm Bacon Dressing.*

*Choice of two entrées: Pork Tenderloin in a Honey Rosemary Sauce, and C&D Chicken Breast with Lump Crab Meat Imperial with Fresh Lemon Cream Sauce. Served with fresh rolls & butter, roasted red skin potatoes, seasonal vegetables, coffee, iced tea & soda.*

*Dessert: Traditional Cheesecake*

*Arrive at 1200 to socialize with friends. Drinks may be purchased from the bar.*

### **BUFFET – 1230**

### **CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY – 1330**

Please forward your reservation and check payable to WSPS to:

Barbara Sharpless, 2 Hailey's Trail, Newark, DE 19711-3006

by Monday, 9 March 2020 (Please don't be late.)

**WILMINGTON SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**

**CHANGE OF WATCH**

**Sunday, 15 March 2020**

**Names of Attendees:** \_\_\_\_\_

**@ \$28.50 per Person = \$** \_\_\_\_\_



## WSPS Outreach

All of us, as members of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron, enjoy a boat-load of member benefits! Consider the social events, annual cruise and camaraderie, the informative educational materials and divine discounts available! How do we get that information out to other likeminded individuals?

Members of the Executive Committee are continuing with some informative outreach efforts.

Thanks to support from Don Engler, monthly articles continue to appear in Spin Sheet. For November, December and January, we featured pictures of the fall raft up in the Magothy River, the well-fed group at the Wellwood Restaurant, and attractive pictures of our Christmas Social, respectively.

Keep your eyes and ears open for a possible Vessel Safety Check event at West Marine for mid-May, the start of National Safe Boating Week. Additionally, a boat/marine supplies flea market has been recommended for this spring or summer. Many of us have basements or garages full of boat stuff that others may need or consider treasures! Want to join in?

We will also be planning tabletop presentations at some of the athletic clubs and YMCA's that are interested in a Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron return visit. A quick review of our demographic indicates that most members are from northern Delaware and southeastern Pa. A smaller percentage of members come from Maryland, other areas of PA and New Jersey.

What are your ideas for reaching out to like-minded souls? Do you have your elevator speech ready??!!



*Cdr Carol Hanson, P  
Outreach Co-Chairperson*



*Weatherly*





## *Administrative Department*

### 2020 Summer Cruise



On a chilly day in mid-December, members of the WSPS Cruise Committee gathered to plan for our annual summer Cruise. Donna, Cruise Co-Chair, and Bill Zimmerman hosted in their lovely home decorated for the holidays!

First and foremost, the decision to **move the start of the cruise up a week** was approved by the Committee. **The WSPS Annual Cruise is scheduled for Saturday, June 6 to Friday, June 12, 2020.** We briefly reviewed options for a northern bay cruise, noted limited opportunities, then headed south. Our KIA's (Know It All's) are actively checking on availability of marinas, catering and dining options. The Registration Fee will be increased to \$50. It hasn't changed for many years!

The tentative schedule is:

**Commander's Kick-off** scheduled for North Point Marina, will be catered. Price will increase from \$10 to \$15.

**Rhode River** – We will be planning the traditional Raft-ups with a shared menu.

**Knapp Narrows Marina** – Due to shoaling, several sail boats would prefer **not** to go through the narrows or tie up at the Marina. Duel accommodations, an anchorage, will be planned at Dogwood Harbor. **A Tour of Poplar Island** will be available for the first 24 boaters who sign up.

**San Domingo Creek, Choptank** – An activity will be planned at the anchorage. Folks can also take a dinghy into St Michaels.

**Safe Harbor Marina, Oxford** (formerly Mear's) - An activity will be planned. Dinner on your own.

**Trippe Creek, Choptank River** – We will have assigned raft-ups as we do traditionally on Sunday. Boaters can decide on their own if they prefer a shared meal.

**Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin** – Dinner and Awards banquet.

**Sail Rallyes** – There may be a rally on Sunday. Bill Z. will work his magic for the rallyes during the week. **The Cruise Book** – will once again be prepared by Barbara Sharpless, with input from all Cruise Committee members.

Registration forms should be available by the end of January. Initial registration fees are due in by March 31 with final payment due by April 30, 2020.

All members of WSPS are encouraged to join us for the Commander's kick off and other cruise events!

Many thanks to all on the 2020 Cruise Committee: Chris and Mark Atkinson, Joan and Bill Barber, Leslie Brower and Bruce Wyngaard, Terry and Richard Butler, Dale and Dan Gorman, Laura and Wayne Hepting, Betty and John Ingram, Kathy Leef, Dennis Wallace, Randy and Susan Williamson, Bev and Bart Wilson, and Bill Zimmerman.



Summer Cruise Co-Chairpersons:

Cdr Carol Hanson, P  
P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN





## *Vessel Safety Check Coming this Spring*



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### **Free Vessel Safety Check!**

**No Cost, No Obligation, but just  
indispensable information to keep you  
safe on the water!**



**Schedule your free vessel safety check  
this Spring with our vessel examiner:**

**Lt John Bailey, AP  
His email address is:  
[mpnwhat@gmail.com](mailto:mpnwhat@gmail.com)**

*Lt John Bailey, AP  
Vessel Safety Check Examiner*



*Novus*



## *Assemblies Committee*

### November Assembly

Our first fall assembly was held on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Even though the weather was cold, we had a good turnout of 37 squadron members. We enjoyed P/C Don Engler's presentation on photography. Engler's recommendations of various software, composition, and lighting to help us improve capturing images with our cell phones. We are not sure we can match Don & Sue's professional photos, but their advice was very beneficial.

Cdr Carol Hanson gave us an overview of the past year's activities and upcoming events for 2020. There were four tabletop presentations at the Hockessin Athletic Club and YMCAs in the area to advertise the Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron. P/C Don Engler has submitted photos to the Spin Sheet about WSPS. There were several land functions at Rock Hall for the Crab Feast, the Wellword Restaurant for the Oyster Dinner and our Fall & Winter Assemblies. The cruise and raft ups were also well attended.



P/C Donna Zimmerman and Cdr Carol Hanson will be the co chairs for the cruise committee this year. Our members have voted to keep the crab feast and oyster dinner on next year's schedule. P/C Mark Atkinson talked about the boating course WSPS offered at the Delaware Safety Council. There was some discussion about offering a Defensive Driving Basic and possibly a Refresher Course for squadron members to receive a discount on their auto insurance. If interested, please contact P/C Mark Atkinson or P/C Dave Sharpless. A request for volunteers to the executive board was also discussed. Please contact Dave if you are interested in serving on the board.

The 2020 Assemblies Committee Members are: P/C John Ingram, AP, Joan Barber, Leslie Brower, AP, Teresa Butler, P, Susan Engler, P, Kathleen H. Leef, AP, P/C Judith C. Stadler, AP, Geri Walker, AP, Bart Wilson, Beverly Wilson, P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP, and P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN.



*Lt Betty Ingram, P*  
*Assemblies Chairperson*



*Gypsy 11*





## *Secretarial Department*

2020-2021 Yearbook

Have you moved or changed your cell phone or home phone, or even your email address recently?

Please notify  
Barbara Sharpless  
at  
bdsharpless12@gmail.com  
or call at  
302-239-7995  
if you have any  
changes  
to the  
2019 WSPS  
Yearbook.

# ***WILMINGTON***

## ***SAIL and POWER SQUADRON***



# **2020 - 2021 YEARBOOK**

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**OUR 82nd YEAR**





## *National USPS Information*

### Annual Meeting

#### **Annual Meeting 11-15 February 2020 Ponte Verde, Florida**

Two America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic members are moving up the National Bridge: R/C Ralph Bernard, AP will be the National Administrative Officer and R/C Bill McManimen, III, SN will be the National Educational Officer.

Come on down and support them and our District Commander, Walter Neese, SN. Hotel and event registrations along with the schedule of events are on the USPS web page; [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).



### Hotel Information

#### **Sawgrass Marriott Resort**

This is the main meeting Hotel

##### Hotel Web Site

1000 PGA Tour Boulevard

Ponte Vedra Beach FL 32082

Telephone: 800-457-4653 904-285-7777

Rate: \$169.00

Copy and paste into your browser: [book.passkey.com/event/49752792/owner/2608/map](http://book.passkey.com/event/49752792/owner/2608/map)

Copy and paste into your browser: <https://group.supershuttle.com/group-page/americas-boating-club/>

Enter "Marriott Sawgrass Resort" as dropoff location (not Sawgrass Marriott - TPC).



## *America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic*

### **2020 Officer Training Spring Conference**

#### ***Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD***

The America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic district squadrons' officer training, Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be held at the Princess Royale Hotel & Conference Center in Ocean City, MD from Thursday 26 March through Sunday 29 March 2020.

On Friday morning there are training sessions for squadron officers, followed by an afternoon of informational seminars. Friday evening will show how "D/5 Works" as we enjoy one another's company and conviviality at hospitality rooms hosted by the various squadrons. Saturday morning is the Spring Council meeting followed by several seminars of interest before we sit down for the luncheon. In the afternoon is the Conference meeting and then the new bridge takes over. Saturday evening is Commander Neese's final cocktail party, followed by the installation banquet. Sunday morning our new district commander, Jeff Short will host a reception where you can meet the new bridge and enjoy some refreshments before heading home. The entire weekend will be a celebration of the successes and accomplishments of our fellow district and squadron members who prove again how "D/5 Works!"

The raffle table will be full of exciting goodies, not least the famous "basket of cheer" donated by the past district commanders. We also will run a 50/50 raffle.

Our district Spring Conference is a very timely break from the seasonal "cabin fever" and gives everyone the chance to meet up with boating friends and work on plans for the upcoming boating session.

Mark your calendar, 26 – 29 March 2020, Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD.

Please find registration forms for this event on the next page. Hopefully you can conveniently sign up and find information on making reservations at the hotel. Be sure to send in your registrations early so you don't miss out on the best conference ever!

So, "Come on down the ocean" and join the America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic for another fabulous gathering where "D/5 Works!"

We all look forward to seeing you there!!

P/C Steven Dalgarno, SN, Chairman  
America's Boating Club Baltimore





**RESERVATION FORM**  
**United States Power Squadrons D/5 Spring Conference**  
**26 - 29 March 2020**  
**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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MENU SELECTIONS**

**SATURDAY LUNCH:**

Lunch Sandwich Buffet:

Sliced Meats to include Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Baked Ham, and Salami with American, Swiss and Provolone Cheeses, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes and Onions, Pickles with Assorted Rolls and Breads, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and Potato Chips Brownies and Blondies, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea Stations # \_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:**

Beef Bourguignon with Red Wine, Mushrooms, Onions and Carrots Served with Mashed Potatoes # \_\_\_\_ @ \$38.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Marinated Salmon Filet served with a Lemon Dill Sauce and Rice Pilaf # \_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

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

Selections served with:

House Salad w/ choice of Dressings or a Spinach Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing, Seasonal Vegetable, Rolls & Butter and Chef's Selection of Desserts  
 Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee, & Iced Tea Stations

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

Children: Chicken Tender and Fries # \_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

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

**Make Checks Payable to: DSPS**  
**SEND TO:** P/C Douglas Riley, AP  
 623 Wilton Road  
 Towson, MD 21286  
 E-mail: DouglasBRiley@outlook.com

**MEAL RESERVATIONS must  
 be received by 18 March 2020**

**Recommended Dress for Banquet:** Uniform A with bowtie or suitable civilian attire.  
 Dress Code for other portions of the Spring Conference will be published separately

**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 view/pool view Suite: \$121.00 per night Ocean Suite: \$167.00 per night  
 2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo: \$259.00 per night, 3BR: \$289.00 per night  
 (Rates listed above do **not** include taxes)

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 15 MARCH 2020 TO ENSURE USPS RATES**



## *America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic*

### 2020 D/5 Summer Council

**Smith Mountain Lake Squadron** has organized a new and exciting District 5 Summer Council & Rendezvous for 2020 scheduled for Monday 20 July through Sunday 26 July.

If you weren't one of the many D/5 members who took advantage of pre-December D/5 exclusivity for houseboat charters and condo rentals for the 2020 rendezvous, please act now after the holidays. All ten of the 53' houseboats have already been chartered and more than half of the condos have been reserved. But don't despair there are still (6) 39' house-boats and 16 condos left.

You can still reserve a 39' houseboat at Parrot Cove. Call 540-721-5363 with questions and mention "D/5 Summer Cruise." Condos can be booked at 540-297-4100 with questions and use the booking code "USPWR" for a special discount. This is all as of December 2019.

**HIGHLIGHTS.** There are three basic ways to participate:

- 1) Bring your own trailered vessel to join in the on-the-water events and experience unforgettable lake boating; or
- 2) Reserve a waterfront condo to enjoy the many homeport activities and planned excursions to visitor sites.
- 3) Reservations for houseboat deadline was on 1 December.

An attractive and innovative way to exploit this exciting new opportunity is to trailer your boat to one of several public launch ramps and join the D/5 Summer Cruise. Here's the step-by-step process for participating in the cruise on Smith Mountain Lake with your own boat leading up to the weekend activities. If you'd prefer to rent a lake boat, there are endless configurations available. For late model vessels, check out Bridgewater Marina ([bwmarina.com](http://bwmarina.com)), which rents from 5 locations including Mariner's Landing ([smlvaca.com](http://smlvaca.com)) at 540-297-3642.

#### **STEP-BY-STEP:**

- 1) Decide whether you'd prefer docking at a slip or pulling your boat after each day's activities during the Monday 20 July through Thursday 23 July 2020 D/5 Summer Cruise. If you'd like to rent transient dock space convenient to D/5 Rendezvous activities, contact Mariners Landing Boat Slips ([mlcalm.com](http://mlcalm.com)) at 540-297-9393 and mention "D/5 Summer Cruise."
- 2) Choose from the numerous Boat Launch Ramps at Smith Mt. Lake and make arrangements to put your boat in at the selected facility, or to pick-up your rental lake boat.
- 3) Your condo reservations automatically register you for the Monday 7/20 Summer Cruise Kickoff Cock-tail Party, Tuesday 7/21 Captains' Pre-Departure Meeting & Crazy Horse Marina Rendezvous, Wednesday 7/22 Captains' Pre-Departure Meeting & Smith Mt. Lake Dam Raft-Up, and Thursday 7/23 End-of-Cruise Cocktail Party.



## 2020 D/5 Summer Council At Smith Mountain Lake

4) At your convenience, decide the optional activities you'd like to add – the Thursday evening “Virginia Dare” ([vadarecruises.com](http://vadarecruises.com)) dinner cruise and the Saturday late morning National D-Day Memorial ([dday.org](http://dday.org)) flag-raising and tour. The Summer Rendezvous Registration Form coming soon to the USPS D/5 website ([uspsd5.org](http://uspsd5.org)) will include these activities as well as the Saturday evening Awards Banquet at Mariners Landing and the Sunday morning Departure Breakfast.

### PACKING & PROVISIONING:

Plan meals with your boat-mates and fellow cruisers. The nearest supermarkets to Mariners Landing are Kroger ([kroger.com](http://kroger.com)) and Food Lion ([foodlion.com](http://foodlion.com)). There are two scheduled pot-luck dinners; the Wednesday raft-up covered-dish picnic and the Friday on-shore pitch-in-dinner. Monday and Tuesday dinners are order-from-the-menu at your choice of Bridgewater restaurants ([tripadvisor.com](http://tripadvisor.com)) and Crazy Horse Marina ([crazyhorsemarina.com](http://crazyhorsemarina.com)) respectively. FOR MORE INFO : Feel free to call or email David Eberle at 336-908-7182 or [davideberle@outlook.com](mailto:davideberle@outlook.com).

The Smith Mountain Lake Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS) cordially invites you to a Keel & Coffee event Friday morning 24 July at Mariners Landing Marina during the D/5 2020 Summer Rendezvous. ACBS is the largest membership organization in the world dedicated to the enjoyment of all styles of classic boats whether wood, fiberglass or metal, powered or non-powered.

Each year, ACBS Chapters organize more than 100 antique boat shows, workshops, cruises, and social events throughout North America – there is truly something for everyone.

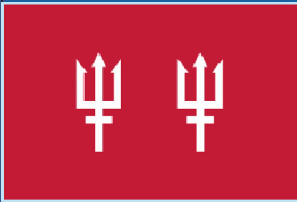
On Friday morning 24 July of the D/5 2020 Summer Rendezvous, in and around the pool and beach at Mariners Landing, don't miss the D/5 Olympics. Your reservation automatically registers you on a team competing for medals in noodle throw, frisbee toss, water volleyball, and much more, following an SOS torch-lighting ceremony.

Friday evening, competitors and fans will gather for the D/5 Commander's Reception followed by a large-screen viewing of the Tokyo Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony and pitch-in dinner.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All kinds of other boats can be rented for day excursions, fishing, tubing, and chilling at Parrot Cove. The She-Doos (an amazing group of Smith Mountain Lake female jet-skiers) will make a surprise appearance. For more details, call or email Rich Faga at 973-202-8778 or [smlsaps@gmail.com](mailto:smlsaps@gmail.com).





## *Administrative Department*

### 2020 WSPS Photo Contest



WSPS Members – The Photo Contest has resumed this year. The closing date will be **Wednesday, 17 September 2020**. When you go to the Chesapeake Bay, whether in the car or boat, don't forget to capture images with your camera or cell phone.

*The categories will be the same:*

**People - Boats - Scenic/Wildlife - and Sunrise/Sunsets**

First, second and third place winners will be announced in October-November-December 2020 Lubber's Line. WSPS members can submit as many digital photos as they want in one category or in all of the categories. The winning images will also appear on the squadron's website. These images must have been taken between **1 October 2019 and 16 September 2020**. These images should be of life on the Chesapeake Bay where we spend most of our time. Folks should take a look at their archived images, select the best ones, check the date, to see if it is in range of the above dates, and send them via e-mail to:

Lt Sue Engler, P at: [sue@englers.com](mailto:sue@englers.com)

Because these files could be as large as 7 megabytes, please send (medium size) files or whatever your internet service provider will permit. If you are using a software program to reduce the image's size, please make the longest side 2000 pixels. It's Ok to send multiple emails. *By submitting images to this contest the photographer gives his/her permission to have the pictures published in the Lubber's Line and on the WSPS Website.*

So, show off your photographic skills and impress your fellow WSPS members!

*Lt Sue Engler, P  
Photo Contest Coordinator*



*Jubilee*



## Squadron Member History

### Why I belong to the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron

There may be a finite number of things that can go wrong when out cruising. However, the number of things that can go wrong is greater than my imagination so it appears to me to be infinite. Add that to the fact that the skipper is always responsible and there is a powerful incentive to head off the bad stuff by being an active member of Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron.

Knowing that the entrance to Fairlee Creek is counter intuitive and is a very good thing. Learning that in a comfortable class room or at a relaxing assembly is far better than going aground on the bar three times on your first visit into that anchorage.

I once knew a pilot who was sometimes teased for his time consuming preflight inspections. As we were climbing into the cockpit and buckling up I asked why he spent so much time checking things on the ground. He replied that when things went wrong in the air he wanted to eliminate what wasn't the problem as quickly as possible. Knowing what the problem isn't can be important in boating too, although hopefully it may not be as urgent. Knowing what you are likely to deal with before

you leave the dock is a worthwhile lesson that can be learned at WSPS. How many times did P/C Phil Goettel, JN, preach checklists? Was this because he was a general in the USAF?



Enough already with the unpleasant thoughts and contingency planning. WSPS is a place where you can improve both the quantity and quality of fun on the water. If you are not having fun out there, perhaps it may be because you are not a WSPS member, or perhaps because you chose to be miserable or perhaps it may be because your brother-in-law insisted on coming along. As for myself, I really enjoy having fun and WSPS has definitely increased the fun for me. As an aside my brother-in-law does not know where I keep my boat!

Finally I think the WSPS members' help ensures the next generation has an opportunity to enjoy all the fun. It would be a very sad world if no one were out and about on a summer day just messing about in boats.



*P/C W. Michael King, AP  
Executive Officer*



*Sea Lion*



## *Schedule of Up-Coming Events*

10 January	1830	WSPS Social Brandywine Community Center
15 January	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting DP&L, 500 N. Wakefield Dr. Newark, DE 19702
23-26 January		Baltimore Boat Show Baltimore, MD
01 February		Deadline for March/April Lubber's Line Material
09-16 February		USPS Annual Meeting - Ponte Vedra, FL
14 February	1830	WSPS Annual Meeting & Founders' Day Social Brandywine Community Center
19 February	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting DP&L, 500 N. Wakefield Dr. Newark, DE 19702
15 March	1200	WSPS Change of Watch; Schaefer's Canal House 208 Bank Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915
18 March	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting DP&L, 500 N. Wakefield Dr. Newark, DE 19702
25-29 March		D/5 Spring Conference Ocean City, MD
31 March		Cruise Registrations Due

*Can you guess the year that the images below were taken?  
The answer is on Page 23*

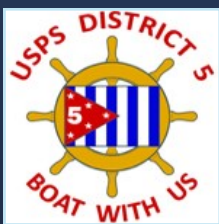






## *WSPS Birthdays*

Robert V. A. Harra, Jr.	Jan 02	Patricia S. Maher	Jan 28
Lois B. Radcliff	Jan 02	Sue F. Engler	Feb 11
Irene duPont, Jr.	Jan 08	Francis Richardson, Jr.	Feb 12
David I. Netting	Jan 21	D. Jeffrey Russell	Feb 12
Mike Minard	Jan 22	Paul David Ehrlichman	Feb 13
Robert G. Danehower.	Jan 27	Pat Esterle	Feb 17



Come join us for weekly luncheons each  
 Wednesday @ 1130  
 At Seasons Pizza 3901 Concord Pike  
 Wilmington, DE 19803



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