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Commander's Report

by Cdr Howard Gasaway, P



Potomac River welcomes new members

Good and Welfare

On behalf of its members, Potomac River Power Squadron expresses its sincere condolences to Cdr Howard Gasaway, Sr., P, and Lt/C Janett Gasaway for the loss of their son and step-son, Howard Gasaway, Jr.



Cdr Howard Gasaway, Sr., P, (left) and squadron membership chairman P/C James Gorman, AP, welcomes Potomac Rivers newest members (l to r), Brian Horney, Julia Sardan-Vega, and Larry Manning at the April all-hands meeting.

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Good & Welfare: Martin Fischer, AP
We regret to inform you that PRPS member Martin N. Fischer passed away on January 22, 2007.

NERVE by sea

Cruising to the Wilmot Estate by sea for the NERVE on 9 June? Plot your course to **LAT 38° 55.6N LON 076° 32.4W**

Glebe Bay, South River, approx. 5 nautical miles up river from Green Red Can "SR." Turn to PORT at Green "11" Be wary of shoal extending from western shore to mid-bay.

See page 5 for reservation form.

2007-2008 Bridge

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JUNE 2007 ALL-HANDS MEETING PROGRAMS

Youth Outreach in USPS Safety Curricula

Wednesday 20 June 2007

Kids and the water: a natural fit. To help ensure their safety on the water, in or around boats, USPS is rolling out some innovative course work designed for their use. Our own P/D/C Norman Franck has also had great success bringing USPS course work to students in the public schools in his area on the Eastern Shore. You may have read about his work in the Ensign recently. Norm has graciously agreed to come out to our June "All Hands" General Meeting and share his experiences. We might even be able to find a way to partner with him in our own local area schools.

Why not bring a boating buddy, a family member, or prospective "water-smart" student with you to the meeting. The Program will start at 2000 (8:00 p.m.) Refreshments (a light dinner, cash bar) will be available at 1930 (7:30 p.m.).

SQUADRON MEETINGS

The Squadron meets on the 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday of each month except in July and August.

The **Executive Committee** meets on the **2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm;** Rosensteel Knights of Columbus Members are welcome.

Membership Meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm;** Members and guests are welcome.

All Meetings are held at the Rosensteel Knights of Columbus 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring

For directions - visit the Potomac River website at
www.usps.org/localusps/potomac



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Internet Sites:

Potomac River

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/potomac>

District 5

<http://www.sb.usps.org/d5/index.html>

USPS <http://www.usps.org>

Phone Numbers:

For information on USPS, its Squadrons and the public courses:
1-888-FOR-USPS (367-8777)

Boat/US Information Service on available boating course:
1-800-336-BOAT (2628)

PRPS Cooperating Group # at Boat/US
GA 80130P
Get 1/2 price on your Boat/US membership!

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT

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PRPS, District 5 and USPS are non-profit organizations dedicated to the promotion of safety on the water through boaters education.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

By Lt/C Allen Jox

One of the responsibilities of each USPS Squadron is to support the District to which they are affiliated. In our case, the PRPS resides within District Five (D5). As such, there are numerous D5 activities the PRPS regularly participates in including such things as the Spring Conference, the Fall Conference, and D5 sponsored cruises. There is a notable volume of email traffic between D5 and its Squadrons involving these activities.

One such activity is new for D5 and involves taking on a task in support of the National USPS Office. It is a public relations task involving the development of the USPS National display that tells the attendees at the upcoming Governing Board (National) meeting in Norfolk what and how we are marketing USPS in our Squadrons. D/Lt Stephanie Ward of D5 will be chairing this effort but is in need of help.

Yes, D5 has emailed all of its Squadrons requesting assistance. This is an excellent opportunity to become familiar with and enhance our relationship with D5. If you have any PR talents, desires, and/or experience, and would like to be involved in this task, please contact P/Lt/C Arline Leggett (clalegg@erols.com), PRPS' current PR Officer, or me (amjox@starpower.net) as soon as possible. It should be a fun and fascinating assignment. This will be one of those rare opportunities when you be able to become acquainted with SeaVester (are you curious now?).



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

By Lt/C Tony Brown, P



The Flag Raising at Podickory was the second fun, successful event of the season. Forty members and guests attended, and no one went home hungry.

Miss the Flag Raising? You are forgiven, but don't pass up the Never Ending Rendezvous Extravaganza (NERVE) on Saturday 9 June. See the reservation sheet on page 5 of this issue.

The squadron welcomed its newest member, Alexandra Smith, to the United States Power Squadrons at the May All-Hands meeting.

P/C John Wilmot is planning a wonderful Southbound Cruise leading up to the D/5 Summer Rendezvous. Southbound cruisers will join the Northbound cruisers at The Solomons. I hear there could be as many as 60 boats departing from there to head to Crisfield for the Summer Council. See the story on page 5.

OLD SALT'S QUIZ:

Daymarks (on daybeacons or lights) on the "nun" side of the channel will usually be:

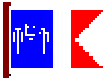
- a. Red diamonds.
- b. Red squares.
- c. Red circles.
- d. Red triangles.

Answer:

(d.) The flat side, incidentally, is down, while the point is up.

SALE

50% OFF all in-stock
PRPS-logo merchandise.
Come to JUNE Member meeting!
While supplies last.



A BOATER'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By P/C Carl Muhlbauer, SN

Don't curse. Take a course.

RIBBER VIA E-MAIL



The Ribber will be e-mailed to all members we have correct e-mail addresses for and we will have it attached to our Web Page. **Please e-mail dyskokyd@verizon.net to update your e-mail address.** Please put Ribber in the subject column. We will continue to bulk mail the Ribber to all members.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

David Howe has resigned as SEO to pursue a career opportunity. Best wishes, Dave.

The Squadron Educational Office is vacant. Boating education is the most important service we provide to members. If you can lead this function, or help with the education portion of your choice, contact Cdr Howard Gasaway at 202-583-7121.

Save These Dates**JUNE 2007**

4		N.E.R.V.E. Reservation Deadline
9	1200	N.E.R.V.E., The Wilmot Estate
12	1930	Exec Committee Meeting
15	—	Last day to register for Summer Cruise
20	1930	All Hands Meeting

JULY 2007

4		West River Raft Up
14-22		D/5 Summer Cruise, Crisfield, MD

AUGUST 2007

18	tbd	Crab fest & Picnic
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SEPTEMBER 2007

5-9	USPS	USPS Board of Governors Meeting
11	1930	Exec Committee Meeting
19	1930	All-Hands Meeting
22	tbd	All-Hands Boat Outing (New)

OCTOBER 2007

7		USPS D/5 Sailing Regatta
9	1930	Exec Committee Meeting
17	1930	All-Hands Meeting

NOVEMBER 2007

1-4		D/5 Fall Conference
10		Commander's Ball (New)
13	1930	Exec Committee Meeting

DECEMBER 2007

11	1930	Exec Committee Meeting
19	1930	All-Hands Christmas Party

**SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT
by Lt. Eugene Roberson**

There are two words that have gotten people in a lot of trouble, **I thought**." Before I retired I investigated accidents where the driver stated, I had the green light and he had the red light. I thought he was going to stop. This accident could have been prevented if the driver that had the green light would have been driving defensively and had his car under control to stop.

He used the two words "**I thought**" I advised him that **I thought** will get you killed. The same applies to the Captain operating his boat. The regulations states when two boats are crossing each other the boat that has the right away should maintain his course and speed. Well I hope you will never have to say I had the right away, **I thought** he was going to give the right away to me. Always operate your boat in a defensive manner, you never know what state of mind the other captain is in. Never operate your boat with your mind in a negative manner. Do not let anything make you angry while operating your boat because you will not be able to think positive. There are days you can have VHF on channel 16 and hear two captains going at it, I call that ignorance. Be a good captain stay positive and live longer.

The SOUTHBOUND D/5 Summer Cruise
to Crisfield
is being chaired by Potomac River's own
P/C John Wilmot, JN

14-19 July 2007, Return 22 July 2007

Information concerning the Southbound Summer
Cruise can be found at

http://members.cox.net/commanders_cruise_2007/southbound.htm

-or-

you may contact the Southbound Cruise Chairman at

johncwilmot@msn.com

410-798-5102



N.E.R.V.E.

No Excuse RendezVous Extravaganza

9 June 2007, 1300 - Until

Mariners: The Wilmot Estate, Glebe Bay, South River

Landlubbers: 3301 Leritz Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037 (410)798-5102

Steaks, Grilled Chicken, Beer and soft drinks, paper plates & utensils will be provided. Each boat or group is asked to bring a salad or desert to share, enough for four adults.

Salad suggestions: potato, macaroni, cole slaw, green, baked beans.

Desert suggestions: Something tasty, not too messy and easy to serve at an outdoor BBQ.

In case of serious inclement weather, call P/C Rich Heckhaus, AP (410)263-4446 or cell (301)529-6564, not later than 1000, 9 June.

As all food items must be ordered five days ahead of the event, the following schedule will be adhered to:

ALL monies are to be received by P/C Heckhaus no later than the close of business, **Monday, 4 June.**

Adults & Near Adults (14 & older) - \$10.00 per person

Children (5 to 13) - \$5.00 per person

Under 7 - No charge

Monies received after 4 Jun - \$15.00 adults, \$7.50 children

Yes, I expect to attend the N.E.R.V.E. and to ensure that there will be food for me and my guests, my check and this form was placed in the US mail system not later than Friday 1 June. Otherwise, I have included the additional fee listed above and I will call P/C Heckhaus at the earliest to ensure that he is aware of my party.

Number of adults, 14 & older: _____ @\$10.00 = \$ _____

Number of children, 5 to 13: _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME _____

Telephone # _____

Make check payable to "PRPS" and mail to:

P/C Rich Heckhaus, AP
769B Fairview Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21403

2007 D/5 Southbound Cruise

By, P/C John Wilmot, JN

With boating season here, my team of Scott McLellan, Chip Hoiler, and I have been working diligently on finalizing arrangements for the 2007 Southbound Commander's Cruise. The initial plan was to start in Annapolis on Friday, July 13, but we were unable to locate enough slips there. Mariners have always been a superstitious bunch, so we figured, why test fait? The itinerary is as follows:

We will meet on Sat, July 14, for a two-day stay at St Michaels and the Miles River Yacht Club. We have been invited to participate in the MRYC Auxiliary's annual crab feast. All you can eat crabs, dogs, salads & drinks for \$25. It should be great fun and an excellent value! There will be a BYOM ("M" is for meat) potluck cookout on-site Sunday evening.

Monday morning, July 16, we will cruise to the new Hyatt Marina at Cambridge. This is a great facility which offers three swimming pools, a golf course and world-class spa treatments! On Tuesday, we're planning breakfast on the dock, a tour or shopping in town and dinner at the Marina Restaurant. Of course we will raise that certain flag at 1700 each day, so bring your favorite soda pop or other selected beverage and an extra box of crackers.

On Wed morning, we will cruise over to the Solomons for a one-night stay at Calvert Marina. We will meet the Northbound Cruise there. We are working on dinner arrangements for hopefully 70 to 80 people.

On Thursday, July 19, our whole fleet will cruise to Crisfield and Somers Cove Marina. With a little help, I'm sure we can round up a cocktail party there.

The D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous will be held on Friday and Saturday. You all might want to review and hone up your navigation skills. All available Potomac River hands will be needed to enter a team and nail the Navigation Contest this year.

Give us a call and sign up. I'm sure this Cruise will be a Blast! Most of us will make a stop at Herrington Harbor South on Sunday night for a chance to unwind, and then home on Monday. See the registration form on-line, or in the Mark 5, or check out the website - <http://www.uspsd5.org/>. Click on the link for the *Commander's Cruise* and secure your spot today!

