

# The Potomac Ribber

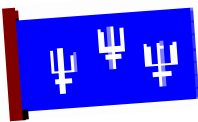
Newsletter of the Potomac River Power Squadron, Washington, D.C.  
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February 2012

## At USPS Annual Meeting In Jacksonville, Florida

### Commanders' Report

By Howard Gasaway, Sr., P



This article is being written, while I am in Jacksonville, Florida attending the National Annual Meeting so I can meet my deadline, so here goes. I will first say that it has been a very enjoyable meeting. There were over 693 members present at this National Annual Meeting. We extend our congratulations to the new 2012 National Bridge headed by Chief Commander John Alter, SN from Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron. District Five was presented an award by Boat US, Top District for Civil Service Award. We salute the Squadrons who were responsible for District Five receiving the award.

When you attend these meetings, besides the Educational and updated information, you also experience meeting other USPS members. I had the pleasure of meeting one of Northern Virginia Power Squadron's Past Commander of 1963 and District Five Commander in 1987, P/R/C William C. Eldridge, SN and his wife Kathy. He is still active in the USPS. His membership is with Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. He says he is still teaching Boat Safety Courses and sends his regards to all at Potomac River.

February will be a busy month. First we have the election of our 2012 Bridge and Committee Chairs. Second, we will start back with our education for Basic Boating Course starting 21, 23, 28 February and 1 March. If you know of someone who needs this course please contact our SEO:

P/C Anthony Brown, (301) 649-9643 or  
Cdr Howard Gasaway, Sr., P. (202) 439-0225. ASAP!

I hope to see you all at our Change of Watch on 10 March 2012 at Ft McNair, in Washington, DC.



*l-r: Kathy Karpers, D/C Bernard S. Karpers, Jr. N, P/R/C William C. Eldridge, SN, Kathy Eldridge, Cdr Howard Gasaway, Sr. P, Lt/C Janett P. Gasaway, S*



# 2011-2012 Bridge

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Please get your yearbook personal information updates and corrections to 1st/Lt Nancy Gorman, at JAGNG4@aol.com.

**NOTE:** A March **RIBBER** will not be published. Next edition is in April 2012.

## Safety Report

*Lt. Eugene Roberson, S*

This time of the year, boats should be winterized for cold weather conditions. Keep your bilge and other parts inside of your boat free of water, moisture, ice, and it will definitely pay off. Also if you have not removed your impellers from your raw water pump you can take the belt off of the pump and turn the pump by hand to stop the impeller from setting in the same position, making the impeller blades flat and causing an overheating problem in the spring. I always take the impeller out of the pump in order for me to see its condition. When you go to your boat for a safety check, bump the starter to make sure parts like valves and pistons do not stay in one position during the winter.

I informed a captain to make sure he did this because his engines were not in the best condition. When he went to his boat in the spring to de-winterize his engines, he tried to start one of his engines and one of the valves had stuck, causing the piston to come up hitting the frozen valve and putting a hole in the piston. Don't forget your generator, the same maintenance applies.

## OLD SALTS' QUIZ

### What Am I?

You might think I'm not too bright, but you often forget me. I can help you make an appearance at a dock party in Annapolis. If you get behind me, I can help you win a navigation contest in August. What am I?

*(Answers can be found on page 4.)*

### Publisher's Statement

The "Potomac Ribber" is the official publication of the Potomac River Power Squadron (PRPS). Its goal is to inform members of activities and developments at PRPS and the national and District 5 level of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and to carry other information useful to the members. PRPS, District 5 and USPS are non-profit organizations dedicated to the promotion of safety on the water through boaters education. The Potomac Ribber is published bi-monthly. Articles and submissions are appreciated and are due by the 15th of the prior month.



# CHANGE OF WATCH

## Fort McNair Officers' Club

4th & P Streets, SW  
Building 60  
Washington, DC 20319  
(202) 484-5800

**10 March 2012**

Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Cocktail Hour: 1:00 – 2:00 (cash bar)  
Cost: \$35 per person



### Menu:

Chef's selection of salad and dressing, vegetable(s), starch, rolls with butter, fresh brewed coffee and tea.

#### *Grilled Chicken Breast*

Enhanced with a dill mustard sauce

#### *Grilled Salmon*

Lightly grilled salmon enhanced with a lemon dill sauce

#### *Dessert:*

##### **Ice Cream or Sherbet**

Vanilla, strawberry or chocolate ice cream  
Rainbow, raspberry or orange sherbet

### RSVP:

*No later than 24 February, 2012, With Entrée Selection.*

Guests welcome.

**Make Checks payable to:** PRPS

**Note:** Government issued photo ID and vehicle inspection required for admission to Ft. McNair.

**Attire:** USPS Uniform A with necktie

## RESERVATION FORM

Squadron Member: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon
Guest: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon
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## “GOOD OLD DAYS”

*From March 1974 RIBBER*

The 60th Annual Meeting of the United States Power Squadrons was held 24-27 January 1974 at the Hotel Fontainebleau in Miami Beach, Florida. Our Squadron was well represented, with 26 members and guests joining with the 2000 or more who engaged in the many business and social activities.

The outstanding reception and annual dinner and dance, held on Saturday evening, were attended by more than 2,000 guests, in resplendent formal dress and uniform.

## Vessel Safety Check

*Lt Cleveland Leggett, S*

We want to welcome John McLaughlin as our newest member to be a Vessel Safety Examiner. Also, John will be our guest speaker at our next *All Hands Meeting* 15 February 2012. Come join us as John discusses NOAA. Dinner is on us.

### Important Information

**Internet Sites:** Potomac River  
<http://www.uspsdc.org>

**District 5:** <http://www.uspsd5.org/>  
USPS National <http://www.usps.org>

## A Boater's Thought For The Month *By P/C Carl Muhlbauer, SN*

For fitting out season: Measure twice; cut once.  
(One of the "Rules of the [Anchor] Rode.")

(Feb 2012)

### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

*P/C Anthony (Tony) Brown, P SEO*

Potomac River Squadron will offer a Basic Boating course in four sessions the evenings of Tuesday 21 February, Thursday, 23 February, Tuesday, 28 February and Thursday, 1 March.

Students that successfully complete this course receive the Boating Safety Certificate required to operate a pleasure craft legally in D.C, Maryland and Virginia waters.

Fee: \$26.00 for course material. No charge to United States Power Squadron members.

To register or for information, call Tony Brown, Squadron Education Officer, 301-649-9643, or email "Disco Kid" [dyskokyd@yahoo.com](mailto:dyskokyd@yahoo.com).

### OLD SALTS' QUIZ

Answer: Sunglasses

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

*Lt/C Arline Leggett, P*

Recently, Mother Nature reminded us it is still winter. In this area, we had snow in the grass and on car windshields, which I like. However, areas north and west of here, received a little more of a reality of winter. In less than fifty days, we will welcome the first day of Spring (March 20, 2012) YEA!

Our PRPS committees are busy making plans for our upcoming 2012 boating activities. If you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know. This is our squadron and hearing from you can make it happen.

P/C Tony Brown, P, SEO, is asking persons interested in boating courses and/or seminars to contact him. Let him know your interests,

Don't forget to sign up for the Change of Watch (COW), 10 March 2012 at Ft. McNair. Details may be found in this newsletter on page 3.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs. 9 March 2012	<b>Note Change in Date</b> – Exec. Comm. Meeting Second Floor Room	7:30 PM Rosensteel K of C
Wed. 15 Feb., 2012	PRPS Annual Meeting and Election Program – John McLaughlin on NOAA	7:30 PM Rosensteel K of C
Tues. 21 Feb. 2012	Basic Boating Class Begins, 1st of 4 Sessions	TBA
Sat. 10 March 2012	Change of Watch	1:00 PM Ft. McNair Off. Club
Tues. 13 March 2012	Executive Committee Meeting	7:30 PM Rosensteel K of C
Wed. 21 March 2012	All Hands Meeting	7:30 PM Rosensteel K of C
31 March	All deposits and bills for FY 2011-2012 are due to	Treasurer before this date.
29 Mar. – 1 April 2012	D/5 Spring Conference, Ocean City, MD	Princess Royale Hotel
Fri. 30 March 2012	Friday Night Hospitality Suite	Ocean City, MD
Mon. 2 April 2012	Ribber Articles due to Editor	For April Issue
Tues. 10 April 2012	Executive Committee Meeting	7:30 PM Rosensteel K of C
Sat. 9 June 2012	PRPS Flag Raising, Maryland Yacht Club	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

# Nominating Committee Report -- January 2012

In accordance with Articles V, VI, & XI of PRPS Bylaws the following list of candidates are recommended for office:

## BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander	Lt/C Arline Leggett, P
Executive Officer	Christopher Pickwick, AP
Educational Officer	Anthony Brown, P
Administrative Officer	Patricia Dillon
Secretary	Lt/C Janett P. Gasaway, S
Treasurer	P/C James D. Williams, P
Asst. Secretary	1st/Lt Nancy Gorman, S
Asst. SEO	1st/Lt Judith Sutter, S
Asst. Treasurer	1st /Lt Lorraine Roberson, S
Asst. Administrative Officer	_____

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Executive Committee -- (*Members at Large 2011*)

Howard Gasaway	James Gorman
Edward T. Dillon	Bonnie Gaskins
Allen Jox	Edward Hoiler
John Wilmot	Nancy Gorman

### Nominating Committee

Cleveland Leggett	2013	Howard Gasaway	2014
Anthony Brown	2014	_____	2015
		_____	2015

### Rules Committee

Howard Gasaway	2013	_____	2016
Allen Jox	2014		
Bonnie Gaskins	2015	_____	2017

### Finance Committee

Daniel Parker	2013	Howard Gasaway	2015
Edward Dillon	2014		

### Auditing Committee

Richard Heckhaus	2013	Scott Mclellan	2015
Laurin A. Knutson	2014		

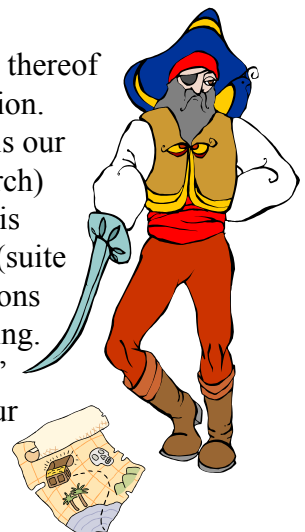
## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT *(Cont.)*

The 15 February All Hands Meeting in addition to being the PRPS Annual Meeting and election Night, will feature a program by our own member, John McLaughlin, describing some of the varied activities of NOAA. We hope he touches upon some of the co-operative volunteer work that USPS does. Come have dinner, vote and hear John's informative presentation.



Information on the D/5 Spring Conference, Change of Watch and Annual Meeting at Ocean City, Maryland on 29 March to 1 April 2012 is published in

the current Mark 5. Refer to page 6 thereof for Princess Royale Hotel information. "PIRATES OF THE POTOMAC" is our theme for the Friday Night (30 March) hospitality suite. A jolly good time is promised on the privateer "PRPS" (suite 213), with all of the food and libations requisite for a swashbuckling evening. Plan to put on your best "Blackbeard" duds and "walk the plank" with your boating friends. The balance of the weekend is full of activities, information and fun.





## There's a Boating App for That

Did you know that the Power Squadrons offers apps for your smart phone that can help you plan your trip? That's right, captain. You can find 57 different apps for the iPhone and Android for everything from navigation to knot tying.

Navigate your way to the Education Department web page and look for "Miscellany," then click the link for Apps for Boaters. Or, point your browser directly to:  
<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/misc/apps.htm>

Modern technology!

