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It will be a pleasure to serve you this year as Commander. As always, please feel free to offer any ideas you may have, at anytime, to assist your bridge.

We look forward to seeing you at the April 22 with a Founder's Day event. This begins at 6:00 at the Cross Roads Art Center on Staples Road. Come and share some of your pictures, trophy's memories and other items and then let's think about our future like on a water/land joint adventure this summer or some of our other activities this year. See you soon.

The next Executive Committee meeting: Monday, May 13, 2019, 6PM.
Contact the Cdr for details.

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Ahoy Members,
Well, it is that time of the year. If you are a boat owner member, the tarps should be coming off, buckets of soap and water applied, bottoms painted and a lot of wax on/wax off being performed. Who said boating is not fun.

While you are preparing for the boating season, why not squeeze in some seminars to brush up on your safety skills and, if new to boating, take a look at the upcoming Boater's Boot Camp. See the information below.

Classes:

Jim Zeigler continues the combination Boat Handling (old Seamanship) and Piloting class which will run to April 30th. As a bonus, Jim will provide some on-the-water training in his vessel for students to practice the knowledge they have gained over the last several weeks.

The Junior Navigation (JN) Course resumed on March 26th and will continue through the middle of May. Soon, the class will be moving to the water to take some sun sights with their sextants which is required before the end of course exam. Charlie Gills (SN) is instructing and Mark Swearngen and Bob Palmer are assisting.

Upcoming Events:

Deltaville Yachting Center (DYC):
Our Squadron will present a Safety Seminar Series for DYC's education program on Saturday, May 18, 2019. These seminars will be USPS seminars and will consist of:

1. Using VHF and Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

2. Person Overboard
3. Partner in Command
4. Emergencies Onboard
5. Hurricanes and Boats

Cost will be \$65.00 for all five seminars. Also, we have plans to offer another Boater's Boot Camp on June 22-23. This event is hosted by the Deltaville Yachting Center and has been a very popular course for new boaters and potential boat owners. Saturday the 22nd will consist of classroom seminars on Marine Weather, Boat Handling Under Power, VHF Radio and DSC, GPS, Buoyage System and Navigation Rules. On Sunday, attendees will board RSPS vessels for a day of on-the-water training which will be spent practicing the skills associated with their previous classroom lessons. This is a no-stress course with no exams and is a pure learning experience.

If you have an interest in either program, send an email at richmondboatclub@yahoo.com or contact me @ 804 909-2655.

- Lt/C Bill Simpson



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Secretary's Corner

Here I am again! I reluctantly let P/C Jim Zeigler persuade me to assume the responsibility of serving on the Bridge as Secretary to the squadron.

Been there – don't that before, but times have changed and USPS and our squadron is evolving, so we'll see where the new Bridge and Executive Committee will lead us in 2019 – 2020.

We will be keeping up with members who have recently joined the squadron and tracking down members we haven't seen for a while. We will continue to focus on using *the Bullhorn* as our primary medium of communicating with the membership.

One of my goals is to have a roster that is complete and up to date. Some of the information stored in the USPS records either is out of date or needs some modifications. P/C Bob Palmer, SN and I have been working on this for some time and we have made some progress. Our work is ongoing and may never be 100% complete.

Please know that I am available and open to your suggestions (and criticism) if you see areas of squadron business or activity where I may be able to lend a hand and make a difference.

Also, remember this, our Bridge/Executive meetings are not closed to the membership. You are welcome to attend if you have a matter of importance that needs to be discussed or you have suggestions for the good of the squadron. Please let Commander Palmer know if you plan to attend so she can include time for you on the agenda.

-Lt/C Irene Kent Chamberlin, P

"People will forget what you said,
People will forget what you did,
but people will never forget
how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou



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Details of the Squadron's budget and financial status are available from the Treasurer or any Bridge Officer. You may contact us directly or catch us at one of the meetings and we'll be happy to share the financial statements.

-Lt/C Michael Silvay

Shakedown Cruise Info:

The Bridge Marinas at Urbanna (formerly the Bridge Marina, Urbanna Yachting Center and Doziers) has four transient slips still available. Anyone planning to use a slip on the Shakedown Cruise for Saturday June 1st, 2019, needs to call & confirm with a credit card #. The manager is Don Kenna (a former RSPS member) at 804-758-2342. The Bridge Marinas have a new clubhouse and grills that we can use. If more slips are needed, the Urbanna Town Docks are very close.

Dave Childress, P

Calendar of Events

April

8 - Executive Committee Meeting

22 - Founder's Day Event. Art Center, Staples Mill Road.

May

13 - Executive Committee Meeting

27 - Memorial Day

June

1-2 - RSPS Annual Shakedown Cruise

10 - Executive Committee Meeting

Summer Cruise Information

1. I've called Solomons Spring Cove Marina and gave them the five boats, Tortuga, Buoy Scout, Southern Cross, Zelena, and a Back Cove 29, Dave C., forgot your boat's name. Gave her all the skippers' names. We are confirmed for July 3, 4, and 5 and the 11th on the way back. You will need to call and give your credit card info. Dave T, I understand you will probably arrive July 4 due to work schedule, no problem. They no longer have the 4th night free deal. I guess boating has picked up enough that they don't have to give away slips. Fireworks are in the Pax river, down by the boardwalk/Stony's Pier Restaurant area. Also visible from the pool, or any area along the river up to the Calvert Museum area, but that's a mile away. One option is to go out and watch from a boat if the weather is nice. **1-410-326-2161.**

2. We are confirmed at Chesapeake Beach Resort and Marina for July 6 and 7. I gave her all the boat names and sizes. Tortuga, Buoy Scout, Southern Cross, Zelena, and a Back Cove 29. You all will need to call with credit card info. **1-800-233-2080.**

<https://www.chesapeakebeachresortspa.com>

[Page 6 is the Chesapeake Beach spa/marina/resort map.](#) Shows the slips and grounds. I suspect this marina could be a little lumpy with a NE to SE wind, but that's not very typical mid summer, but we may get some wave action of the bay nonetheless. There is a breakwater

Summer Cruise Information (continued)

running N/S across the harbor entrance and stone jetties running W to E out into the bay both N and S of the marina entrance. We can expect some construction to be underway with a new restaurant possibly completed in June before our arrival. All facilities will be open for business. Their advertised max draft is 4.5 feet, which I think is OK for everyone, but she would put us out on either side of the T-head where we should be OK, and perhaps better protected by the breakwater. Two boats on the T-head, Tortuga and Zelena, the rest of us inside the T-head.

Note that at Chesapeake Beach, the 50A power is 208v (one leg of three phase power) rather than the normal 220v. You will have your choice of either that or twin 30s at 110v. Mike, your boat is twin 50A/110V if I'm not mistaken, so your splitter to 50A/220 will only give you 208V. Some boats have no problem with this. It's not common in our area, but it's not unheard of either to find 208v power at some marinas. It's the lazy way to wire a marine, IMO. Or cheap. We can live on twin 30s if we manage loads but I might try the 50A/208 to see if the A/Cs will run on it. Might check the manuals.

3. St. Michaels has us confirmed July 8, 9 and 10. All five boats. Again, you need to call to give cc info. Call Ann, she is working from home at **1-443-746-3309** M-F between 9 and 5. She is taking reservations at home, she does not go to the marina until sometime in April. There are two other groups there the same time as us, but she said she could fit us in. Stmichaelsmarina.com

4. See #1 we are confirmed at Solomons July 11 on the return trip. When you call, don't forget that night!

5. Called and confirmed the slips for Dennis Pt. Marina for July 12, one night. Gave her the boat names. Again, you need to call and give cc info. **1-301-994-2288.** Dennispointcampgroundmd.com

6. Dave T, any big doings on Saturday July 13 at Olverson's? Might be fun if we can join in with you guys that last night. **I have not called for reservations, thought you might advise.** If there isn't any kind of party going on that night, perhaps we can go up to the Mexican restaurant in Callao for dinner together? That place is always packed and it's pretty good. Los Portales? I think that's the name.

Every stop has a pool. **You should begin calling each of these places and confirming your reservations**

Where The Fish Are!

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| MARINA OFFICE STORE | KAYAK LAUNCH | BOAT WASH | TRASH | RAMPS | FIRE EXTINGUISHER | PICNIC TABLE |
| FISH CLEANING STATION | PUMP OUT | KAYAK & BIKE RENTAL | PARKING | RESTROOM | RING BUOY | GRILL |

Change of Watch 2019



(L-R) P/C Jim Zeigler, SN; Cdr-Elect Mary Palmer; P/C Elvin Cordle, AP, discuss the afternoon's event.



MC P/C Dave Teets, AP, give his opening remarks.



D/Lt/C Bob Palmer, SN, presents his opening remarks before conducting the Change of Watch ceremony.



Seated, Dave Teets, D/Lt/C Bob Palmer pledging in Mary Palmer as Commander.



(L-R) Flag Lt. Jim Zeigler (at flag stand); Lt/C Bill Simpson; Lt/C Dave Duros; Lt/C Irene Chamberlin and Lt/C Mike Silvay are pledged in by Cdr Mary Palmer. Seated D/Lt/C Bob Palmer.



(L-R) D/Lt/C Bob Palmer assists Commander Mary Palmer passing out the Lt/C flags to the Bridge Officers.

Change of Watch 2019



D/5 Spring Conference Hospitality Suite



D/5 Spring Conference Friday night "fun night" with most of the D/5 Squadrons presenting a hospitality suite of their own. Pictured are scenes from the RSPS hospitality game based on the Jeopardy TV show. Lower right, Dave Teets presents the winning squadron with the 1st place plaque.

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS New Video For Boaters

**America's Boating Channel™ Debuts its
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Raleigh, NC, 5 April 2019 – The United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) continues the debut of its third season of safe-boating videos on America's Boating Channel™ with “SITUATIONAL AWARENESS,” which can be found online at americasboatingchannel.com and as a free mobile app available at Apple's App Store and Google Play.

The new “SITUATIONAL AWARENESS” video shows how onboard technology and environmental factors can negatively impact recreational boating safety.

Viewers will learn what boat operators and passengers can do to become more aware of what's going on around them.

Also featured are tips about additional sensory dangers and how to mitigate them.

The “SITUATIONAL AWARENESS” video is also being distributed by America's Boating Channel through popular social media including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#)

America's Boating Channel is now releasing a new safe-boating video every Friday as most Americans prepare for the recreational boating season.

Topics covered in the new series include cold water survival, life jacket wear, human-propelled sports, electronic navigation, situational awareness, and boating under the influence (BUI).

All video programming on the channel is offered at no charge.

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Next Squadron event (Founder's Day) will be on April 22, 2019 at the Art Center on Staples Mill Road. We'll see you there!

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