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OH, THOSE LAZY, HAZY,
CRAZY DAYS OF
SUMMER - IT'S TIME
FOR THE ANNUAL
RSPS PICNIC!!



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Everyone, mark your Calendars! Monday, June 24, 2019

June Meeting and Summer Picnic

June 24, 2019

Social time beginning 5:00PM and picnic at 6:00

Please pre-register by June 18

Osborne Landing Pavilion

9530 Osborne Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23231

Please bring a dish to share, things that go with picnic
food, desserts, or appetizers

Fried chicken, ice tea, lemonade, water furnished

[See registration form on page 5.](#)

Questions & Information:

Please contact Mary Palmer

(804)447-4648

(Sorry, no alcoholic beverages.)

The next scheduled
Executive
Committee
meeting: Monday,
August 12, 2019,
6:00PM.
Contact the Cdr for
details.



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We are busy with education, social time and cruising. This past weekend a few of our members went to Urbana for a shakedown run on their boats and some time together. Bob and I went to visit and found safety inspections going on and social time together.

Our next event is on June 24 at Osborne Landing, pavilion 1, gathering at 5:00 pm and picnic dinner at 6:00. So far, we have a few members signed up so please call me **NOW** at 804-447-4648 if you will be coming. The Squadron will be providing the chicken.

Be sure to read about the Education that continues. Our members and instructors have already been busy with the new class schedules.

The RSPS Summer Cruise is planned for July 3-13. Please call P/C Jim Zeigler, SN-IN, at 804-559-8552 If you wish to join in this fun-filled event.

Susie and Frank Timpano planned this cruise however,

they cannot go due to the accident Frank had at the river. Frank is scheduled to have surgery on his shoulder on June 14 so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob and I plan to visit the cruise at one of the places they will cruise to. If you would enjoy a quick visit at one, please give me a call.

I'm sure all of you appreciate the job that Lt John Etheridge, AP is doing with our website and what Lt Ernie Burnett, AP-IN is doing with *the Bullhorn*. These are big jobs keeping all the communications up to date. Be sure to check it out and John, we really appreciate all your work.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

-Cdr Mary H. Palmer



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Classes Completed and Winding Up

Congratulations to new members Dearsley Vernon and Jim Juritsch and current member Mike Silvay for completing the Seamanship Course this past fall. A big thanks to P/C Jim Zeigler, SN-IN who provided instruction for this class.

On May 14th, the students of the Junior Navigation (JN) class received their take home practical exam. For the next two weeks the class completed a cruise plotting scenario from Martha's Vineyard to Bermuda using offshore navigation skills. All exams were turned in on May 28th and will be sent to the USPS Offshore Committee for grading. Class students are now in the wait mode for the final results. Hats off to Charlie Gills, SN for instructing the class.

Boater Safety Seminars

We had a good showing at the Deltaville Yachting Center's Boating Safety Seminars on Saturday, May 18th. Instructors Jim Zeigler, Dave Childress, Mike Silvay and Bill Simpson presented five boat safety seminars for the event. As always, the Deltaville Yachting Center was a great host and provided food and beverage for lunch.

On the Horizon

Boater's Boot Camp

On June 22-23, we will present the popular Boater's Boot Camp hosted by the Deltaville Yachting Center. This two-day event will offer one day of classroom seminars and one day of on-the-water practical training. To date, we have 13 students signed up for the class.

Jump Start On the Water Training (OWT) Program.

The Education Department has taken on the task of developing a squadron Jump Start OWT Program. The Jump Start Program offers members and non-members the expertise of an instructor or an experienced member to provide one-on-one training in basic boating skills. It will also be a positive recruitment program for new RSPS members and for a continuing education attraction. The Educational staff and the Educational Planning Committee will need to be involved to develop the following:

- a. **Selecting instructors and experienced members for the program**
- b. **Setting training standards and eligibility criteria**
- c. **Plan training sessions**
- d. **Advertise the program to the boating population**

More information will be forthcoming about this program. - Lt/C Bill Simpson

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Summer is almost here and our boating season has started. Part of safe boating is the spring preparation to make sure the boat, with its captain and crew, are ready. Most of us have a list of chores for getting the boat ready for the season, but did you include your boating skills as a part of that chore list? There is a chance that an education course, or some on-the-water training, could help take you to the next level.

A common element in all of the safe boating programs is people; you, me, family and friends. We welcome anyone to share our interest in boating, and please, invite friends and family to our events. If there are questions, ask any bridge member to be a part of the discussion. There is a continuing need for instructors who would be interested in sharing their boating skills with others; if interested, please contact our Squadron Educational Officer, Bill Simpson.

Vessel Safety Checks are another way the Richmond Sail & Power Squadron can interact with the recreational boating public. In addition to doing a VSC for all of our member's vessels (paddle boards, kayaks, canoes, small fishing boats and larger sail & power boats), the squadron VSE's are ambassadors of America's Boating Club when they are doing VSC's with other area boaters. If you wish to become a VSE (Vessel Safety Examiner), please contact P/C Fred Eddowes (smsvds@cox.net) for more information.

Summer is here, and let the boating begin....

-Lt/C Dave Duros



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Membership

At present, our squadron does not have a designated Membership Chairman and, therefore, it becomes the responsibility of each Bridge member to carry part of the load. So here I am.

Often times when there is a squadron function, we tend to migrate to the members we know the best. Of course we do. Often, we've been members and friends for years. We know their children (and their grandchildren), we know about their pets, we know what's planted in their gardens, we know what aches, and pains they have. That's a good thing – right?. But what about some of the newer folks who have only been members for a couple of years.

Nice, imprinted squadron name badges aren't as visible as they once were and the paper stick-ons just aren't quite the same. Sometimes, I look around the gathering and say to myself "What's his name? Is that his wife? Do they have a boat? Where do they live? When this happens to me, I'm embarrassed (and ashamed).

Let's pledge ourselves to mingle more freely, to truly interact with every member – and not just the ones we've known for a long time. I don't want to be pushy but I do want to know you. My challenge to every member – Wear your name badge and if you don't have one, let me know, I believe we can fix that.

We are America's Boating Club

"We come for the education, we stay for the friends!"

-Lt/C Irene Kent Chamberlin



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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

**Richmond Sail and Power Squadron
is
America's Boating Club**

**Annual Picnic - Osborne Landing – Pavilion #1
9680 Osborne Turnpike, Richmond, VA**

Date: Monday, June 24, 2019

**Times: Social Gathering beginning at 5:00 PM
Picnic: 6:00 PM**

**Menu: Fried Chicken and whatever special dishes you
choose to bring.**

**If you would prefer to cook a hamburger or hot dog, the
grill and cooking utensils will be available. Bring your
own meat and whatever fixings you like.**

**We need to have a head count on how many members
and guests will be attending. Please respond to Cdr
Mary Palmer with the following information at
r2pmhp@mindspring.com or 804-447-4648**

Name and number attending:

Cost: \$5.00 (may be paid at the “door”)

I will bring ONE of the following:

Appetizer

Salad/type

Hot dish/what

Dessert/what



Richmond Sail & Power Squadron

2019 - 2020 Calendar

JUNE 24 - Annual Summer Picnic

JULY No Planned Executive Committee Meeting
No Planned Squadron Meeting
3 - 13 [Squadron Summer Cruise \(Click here for more info\)](#)
25 – 28 D/5 Summer Council at Somers Cove Marina,
Crisfield, MD ([Click here for Registration Form](#))
27 – Luncheon at the Tides Inn. Contact Lt/C Mike Silvay
([Click here for more information.](#))

AUGUST 12 – Executive Committee Meeting 6:00PM
17 – [Raft up / Beach Party \(Click here\)](#)
26 – Squadron Meeting – Crossroads Art Center

SEPTEMBER 7 – 8 Cape Charles Weekend
9 - Executive Committee Meeting 6:00PM
12 – 15 USPS National Governing Board,
Louisville, KY

OCTOBER Oktoberfest

NOVEMBER 7-10 D/5 Fall Education Conference – Fredericksburg
Hospitality House
11 – Executive Committee Meeting 6:00PM

DECEMBER 7 – RSPS Christmas Party

JANUARY 2020 Wine & Cheese Party

FEBRUARY 9-16 USPS Annual Meeting – Seagrass Marriott Golf
Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

RSPS Luncheon at the Tides Inn, Irvington, VA

Noon, Saturday, July 27, 2019

Please RSVP to Mike Silvay at silv285@verizon.net or (804) 360-7756, by July 13 if you plan on attending the RSPS luncheon at the Tides Inn on Saturday, July 27th. The luncheon will begin at noon and the meal location will be determined by the number of attendees. If coming by boat, the marina is full that day however, there is an anchorage area.

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, 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 9 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 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

Summer Cruise Information (continued)

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!

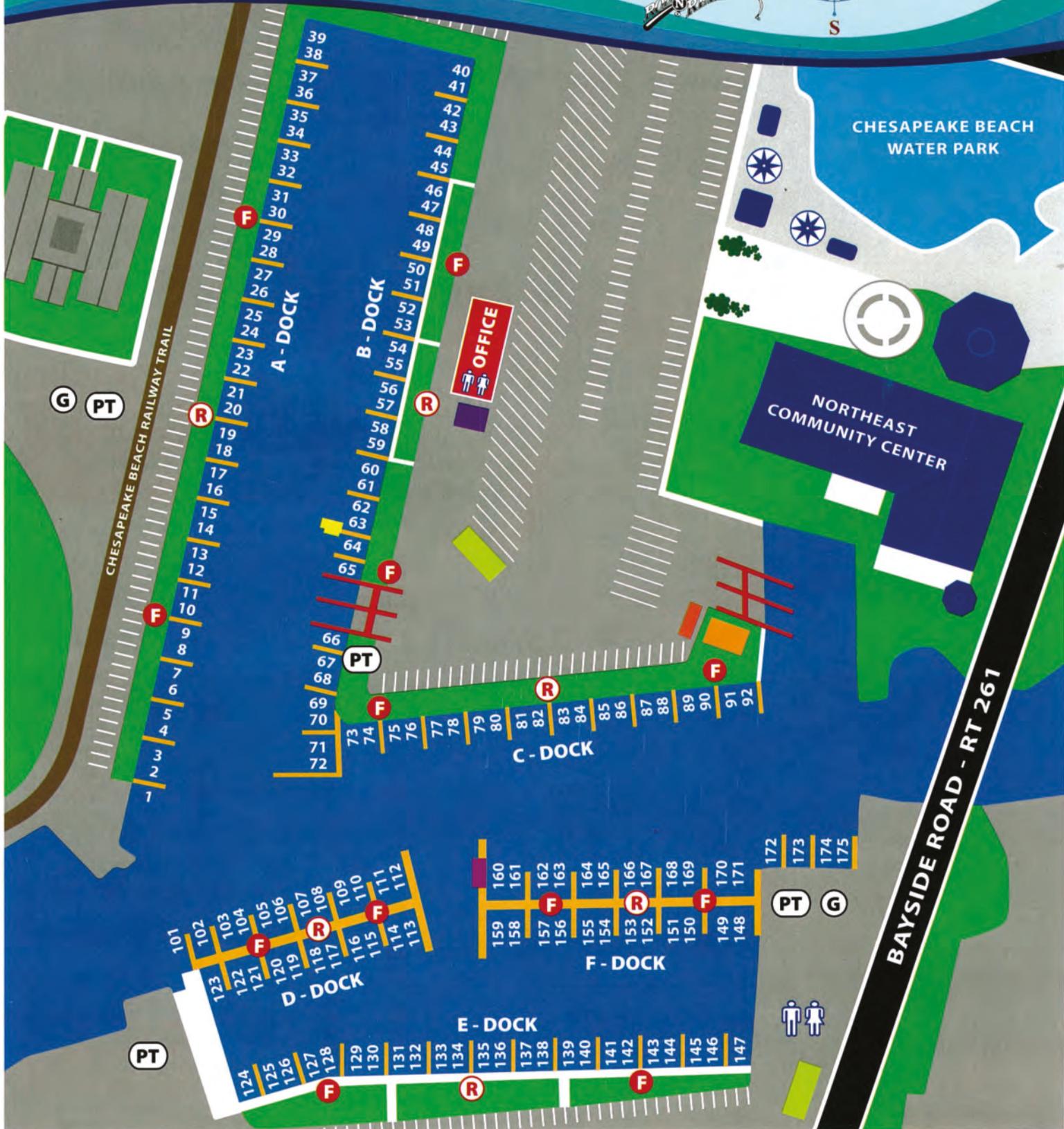
5. Called and confirmed the slips for Dennis Pt. Marina for July 12, one night. Gave her the boat names. Again, you need to call and give cc info. **1-301-994-2288.** Dennispointcampgroundmd.com

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!

MARINA WEST



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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 |



**2019 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic
District 5
Summer Council and Rendezvous
25-28 July 2019 * Crisfield, MD**

MEMBER

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____ Squadron _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

ACTIVITY FEE (Required per person except children 12 and under-free)

Covers all fees,		# _____ @ \$ 5.00	\$ _____
FRIDAY Golf Tournament (Greens Fee & Cart)		# _____ @ \$25.00	\$ _____
FRIDAY Tangier Island Cruise (1200-1700/Lunch on your own)		# _____ @ \$27.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BBQ BUFFET		# _____ @ \$25.00	\$ _____
BBQ Pork Ribs, BBQ Chicken,	Per Adult		
1/4 Lb. Angus Hamburgers		# _____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
On buns, Baked Beans,	Per Child (12 & Under)		
Sweet Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw,			
Assorted Cakes, Iced Tea, Bottled Water			
		TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Reservations must be submitted by 18 July 2019.

Make checks payable to: USPS District 5
PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS WITH CHECKS TO:
 D/Lt Apryl Bernard
 1127 Riverside Drive, Mays Landing, NJ 08330
 (609) 432-7449 aprylber@msn.com

Marina Reservations:
 Somers Cove Marina, Crisfield, MD
www.somerscovemarina.com/reservations.html
 1-800-967-3474 ask for Mary.

For hotel recommendations
 Please check the website
www.uspsd5.org

When Asked To Assist, “4 Men In A Boat”

Rise To The Occasion

LAST WEEK THE CALL CAME IN: “HI JIM, I HAVE ACQUIRED A 27’ SAILBOAT LOCATED AT THE TANTALLON MARINA IN FORT WASHINGTON, MD. THE MARINA IS ON SWAN CREEK OFF THE UPPER POTOMAC RIVER AND I NEED IT MOVED FROM THERE TO OLVERSON’S MARINA ON THE LOWER POTOMAC.

“WELL DAVE, WHY DO YOU NEED A SAILBOAT?”

“IT’S NOT EXACTLY FOR ME BUT, I’VE BEEN ASKED TO REMOVE IT FROM TANTALLON AND ALTHOUGH IT NEEDS SOME COSMETIC WORK, THE HULL, DECK AND RIGGING ARE IN GOOD CONDITION SO, I TOOK THEM UP ON THE OFFER AND THE PRICE WAS RIGHT. HOWEVER, IT WILL HAVE TO BE TOWED AS THE INBOARD ENGINE IS NOT OPERATIONAL.”

“OK, LET’S GET UP A CREW AND DO IT.”

...AND SO THE SAGA BEGAN. ACTUALLY THE WHOLE TRIP CAME OFF WITHOUT ANY ISSUES WHICH MADE THIS MORE OF A FUN TRIP THAN A WORK TRIP. THE TOWING BOAT IS TORTUGA AND THE ASSEMBLED CREW IS JIM ZIEGLER, DAVE TEETS, MIKE SILVAY AND ERNIE BURNETT,

WE LEFT FROM COLES POINT MARINA ON THE POTOMAC AT 1600 ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019. AFTER PROCEEDING OUT THROUGH THE COLES POINT CHANNEL, WE POINTED THE BOW UP RIVER FOR THE JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON. WITH THE HELM AND LOOKOUT ROTATION SET, THE COURSE (ROUTE) SET IN THE GPS AND TIED INTO THE AUTOPILOT, SPEED SET TO 7.5 KNOTS, WE SETTLED IN FOR THE RUN. THE ETA AT NATIONAL HARBOR MARINA WAS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 0200 MONDAY MORNING.

AFTER ENCOUNTERING A COUPLE OF THUNDERSTORMS WITH BRISK WINDS CROSSING OUR PATH AND A FEW SHOWERS, WE ARRIVED AT THE NATIONAL HARBOR MARINA AT APPROXIMATELY 0215 BUT IT WAS 0315 BEFORE WE GOT THE ANCHOR SET, ENGINE AND GENSET SHUTDOWN, ANCHOR WATCHES SCHEDULED AND SETTLED INTO OUR BUNKS TO GRAB SOME SHUTEYE BEFORE SETTING OFF TO DO THE JOB AT HAND AND START BACK DOWN RIVER.

0700 WE’RE UP AND AT IT AND WITH A QUICK BREAKFAST UNDER OUR BELTS, WE WEIGHED ANCHOR, LOCATED THE CHANNEL TO CLEAR THE NATIONAL HARBOR MARINA AREA AND HEAD DOWNSTREAM TO SWAN CREEK. (NOTE: AT 0230 WE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY LOCATING THE NORMAL CHANNEL. IN THE MORNING WE NOTICED THAT THE ENTERING MARK HAD BEEN HIT (NOT BY US) AND WAS LEANING TO ONE SIDE MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE IT EVEN WITH THE SPOTLIGHT.)

WE ARRIVED AT THE TANTALLON MARINA ABOUT 0900, LOCATED THE DOCK MASTER AND THE SAILBOAT, AND AFTER GETTING ALL THE RIGGING SECURED, MAKING A TEMPORARY TILLER HANDLE AND SECURING IT AND SETTING THE TOW LINE, WE LEFT THE MARINA AT 1130 FOR OLVERSONS, ETA 0000.

WE ARRIVED AT OLVERSONS SLIGHTLY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE BUT HAD TO STOP PARTWAY INSIDE THE CREEK TO THE MARINA TO BRING THE SAILBOAT ALONGSIDE AGAIN AND SECURE IT FOR THE RIDE THROUGH THE NARROW CHANNEL TO THE DOCKS. LEAVING THE SAILBOAT ALONGSIDE, WE TIED UP AT THE END OF “C” DOCK, SECURED ALL LINES AND CONSIDERED THE TRIP COMPLETED AT 0130. A GREAT AND SUCCESSFUL TRIP. SEE THE PICTURES ON THE NEXT PAGES.

Preparations and Towing the Sailboat



Pictures by: Mike Silvay and Ernie Burnett.

Visible Cloud Formation During The Run



Please note that the vertical white line is the VHF antenna extension pole.

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Next Squadron
event is the
Annual June
Picnic on June
24, 2019 at
Osborne
Landing in
Henrico
County.
We'll see you
there!

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For more information, visit our website at richmondboatclub.com.

richmondboatclub.com

Beach Party & Raft Up

Where: Little Bay Opposite
Daymark "2" in Antipoison Creek.

When: Saturday, August 17, 2019, around
1:00PM until... Anchor out for the night!

Contact Jim Zeigler (804)347-5239 if you can attend.
More information in the July Bullhorn.

We would like to recognize and thank our donors for their sponsorship of the Squadron's activities and mission.