



Mariner Trivia

Nauti Avoidance

Which nautical term is used when a boat has to slow down or speed up or go in a different direction to avoid colliding with another boat?

- A ~ Give Way
- B ~ Aback
- C ~ Aft
- D ~ Allision

V24/I1 Answer: B

Change of Watch 2024



Calling all members!

We need your help and participation.

It is time for 'Change of Watch'

If you've ever wanted to be a part of something good,
Here's your chance!

If you know someone that would make a great bridge officer,
Here's your chance!

If you want to see change,
Here's your chance!

Come to this month's Member's Meeting at The Pier Restaurant in Solomon's @ 6:30 PM (Dinner @ 5:30 PM) and nominate your choice for the new 2024 Bridge. Raise your hand if you want in or nominate someone who you feel would help us grow our Squadron to be bigger and better. This is your chance to have your voice heard and counted! See the current nominees and openings on page 5. Let's all work together to build our Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron back stronger and better than ever before!

We can't do it without *YOU!*



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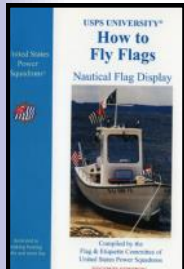
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February Meeting

8 February @ 1730
The Pier
14575 Solomons Island Rd. S.
Solomons, MD

Flag Code Etiquette

Updated Flag Code for Recreational Boats



While the United States Flag Code, [USC Title 4, Chapter 1](#), provides general guidelines for the display of the U.S. flag, nautical flag display is based on long-standing traditions that date back over 300 years.

The United States Power Squadrons, the worlds largest boating educational organization, developed an updated code for displaying flags on boats in 1998. This code, devised in consultation with the U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, New York Yacht Club, and other yachting authorities, eliminates confusion and helps boaters show proper respect for each flag and pennant flown.

This code is primarily for use on private vessels because small craft are so different from large ships; yet it is flexible enough to accommodate the wide variation in construction of most modern pleasure craft. The code applies to all boaters, but has specific application to members of groups such as yacht clubs, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the United States Power Squadrons.

While points of honor have been established by long tradition, new configurations of boats, rigging and the like have modified these points. Using antennas, fishing towers, outriggers, sailboat backstays, portside halyards, and double hoisting are all new to the flag code. Even though traditionalists may think they are incorrect, these flag display techniques are appropriate today. If your boat's configurations requires you to use any of these techniques to fly your colors, do so, but follow this code to do so correctly.

The updated code, *How to Fly Flags, Nautical Flag Display*, is available from various marine suppliers around the country and from [USPS Ship's Store](#).



United States Ensign

The term ensign historically describes a national flag in maritime use but it has been adopted also to describe the flags of naval services and nationwide maritime organizations.

The U.S. national ensign, sometimes called "50-star" or "Old Glory," is the proper and preferred flag for all U.S. vessels. Your boat should wear it from 0800 until sunset, and when you enter or leave port during daylight or at night, weather and rig permitting. While in port, if you leave your boat and will not return before sunset, lower and stow the national ensign before you go.

The national ensign worn by a vessel must be the flag of her registry—not necessarily that of the owner or operator.

Generally, the national ensign should be displayed at the peak of the gaff, i.e., the outer end of the spar extending aft from the mast of your boat—if your boat has a gaff. If it does not, fly it from the flagstaff at your boat's stern. If your boat has an overhanging boom or an outboard motor, your flagstaff may be offset to starboard (preferably) from your boat's centerline.

On a sport fishing boat, where a stern staff might interfere with the gear, and vice versa, the practice is to fly the ensign from a halyard rigged amidships on the after part of the superstructure. Marconi-rigged sailboats may fly the ensign from the leech of the aftermost sail (or from the back stay), approximately 2/3 the distance up its length. This puts it in about the same position it would occupy if the boat were gaff-rigged.

At anchor or made fast, the ensign should be flown from the stern staff of all boats. The U.S. national ensign has a 10:19 hoist/fly ratio.





Member Adventures

The Troll Trip, Eastern Shore

8 - 11 September, 2021

(as told by Rolland Campbell)

Tilghman Isle, Oxford

The first night we anchored in Mill Creek near the Solomons bridge. Day two began with beautiful weather for our seven and a half hour run up the Chesapeake Bay to Tilghman Isle with a stop at Knapp's Narrows marina. Day 3 we departed at 10:00 am in choppy seas heading across the wide mouth of the Choptank River to Tred Avon river. We stopped to see John Shore. John was the previous owner of our boat, "The Troll", a Saga 20 Picnic Boat built in Norway. After our visit we made the one hour run back to Oxford for a layover at the marina where we met Pete and had a great time. On the morning of day four, we refueled at Oxford marina. 'The Troll' took on 7.7 gallons of diesel, and we made a 10:00 am departure. We made a one hour run to the mouth of the Choptank River, and a four hour run with a following sea to Cove point. The weather was a solid overcast sky with occasional light rain. Passing Cove Pt and two hours more up the Patuxent River with an incoming tide we passed under Solomons bridge and arrived at Cole Creek with no activity at the waterfront. Recovery to the trailer went perfectly with the high tide and Mom's help. Thanks to John Shore for great hospitality. The Troll is slow. About 6 kts, with cruise RPM ranging from 2,400-2,700 and of course tide flow has some effect on this. The total trip was about 75 miles, but with good fuel economy. Overall the weather was nice and we met some very nice people.



If you are interested in contributing to future articles of True Readings. Send your pictures and a short story about your boat or adventure to prspeditor@gmail.com & we will include it in future Vessel Spotlights or Member Adventures. Give the specs, a short story, and a few pictures and we will do the rest! From paddle boards to Mega Yachts, let's get to know each other through our boats.



Vessel Spotlight

This month's Vessel Spotlight is the Saga 20 Picnic Boat named "**The Troll**", owned by Rolland Campbell. Though the Saga 20 is common in Europe, she is quite possibly the only one in the United States. This makes The Troll a unique and interesting member vessel.

Saga Boats A/S is a family-owned company that has been building boats in Selje Norway since it was founded in 1960. Saga prides itself on building boats based on local traditions and high-quality craftsmanship combined with the best possible seaworthiness. Currently, Saga produces six different models with emphasis on keeping yet modernizing the familiar design and quality. The Saga 20 design was born in 1967 and was an immediate success in Norway as well as abroad. 200 of them were produced yearly and were exported all over Europe.



Perhaps one of the smallest, slowest and lowest horsepower power boats enrolled in the Power Squadron, she is extremely capable of navigating the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Prior to being purchased in Easton, MD by the Campbells, The Troll cruised the waters of both Florida and Oregon and saw a lot of careful attention from her previous owners. Rolland continues to show this classic boat the same level of care, commitment, and attention to detail by adding useful upgrades without compromising her classic style.

This wonderful boat is powered by a single Volvo-Penta MD2020 diesel engine rated at 19 HP, making her economical to operate at a cruise speed of 6 kts at 2400 rpm. She has a length overall of 20 feet, a beam of 6.7 feet, a 16x13 propeller and can cruise 20 hours on a modest 30 liters of fuel. The Campbells use the canvas enclosure often for long camping weekends on the water to locations like Tilghman Island and Oxford.



Special Thanks to Rolland Campbell for contributing to this month's issue of True Readings. If you would like to see your vessel featured here, submit your pictures, specs and a short story about your boat to prpseditor@gmail.com

YouTube video from Europe:

https://youtu.be/4oKo9Rei1-c?si=j52XHV0o_V4vY6SS



Brunch/Lunch/Dinner Destinations Past and Future



PATUXENT RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

2024

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE PATUXENT RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2024 YEAR

The committee nominates the following members to the Bridge Offices and the Executive Committee, for a term of one year or as otherwise indicated.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Commander - | Cdr Brian Storey, S |
| Executive Officer - | Lt/C Steve Bizzarro, S |
| Education Officer - | Lt/C John Torres, AP |
| Ass't SEO - | Lt/C Daniel Cordell, JN |
| Administrative Officer - | Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S |
| Ass't AO - | Lt. Michelle Beatty |
| Secretary - | Lt/C Michele Torres, P |
| Ass't Secretary - | _____ |
| Treasurer - | Lt/C Chuck Beatty |
| Ass't Treasurer - | _____ |

Elected Standing Committees

Nominations Committee - 3 Years

1. P/C John Torres, AP - 1st Year
2. P/C Ken Perigo, SN - 2nd Year
3. P/C Bob Blevins, AP - 3rd Year

Audit Committee - 3 Years

1. _____ - 1st Year
2. P/C Bob Prior, JN - 2nd Year
3. P/C Bob Blevins, AP - 3rd Year

Rules Committee - 3 Years

1. _____ - 1st Year
2. P/V/C Kenny Perigo, SN - 2nd Year
3. P/Lt/C Albert Simkins, JN - 3rd Year

Members at Large - 1 Year

1. Steven Lyle, P
2. Mike Torres
3. LeAnne Lyle, P

VSC Chair Committee:

1. Lt. James Bruggemann, JN



Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron Calendar 2024

Date/time correct as of press time;
watch your email or Facebook for any changes or visit the squadron web site:
<https://www.usps.org/localusps/patuxent>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
8 FEB	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ The Pier, Solomon's	CDR Brian Storey, S commander@abcsomd.org
16 - 18 FEB		OC Boat Show Ocean City, MD	
17 FEB	1030	PRSPS Luncheon @ 'The Local' 25188 Three Notch Rd, Hollywood, MD	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
7 MAR	1830	Executive Committee Meeting @ TBA	CDR Brian Storey, S commander@abcsomd.org
14 MAR	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ The Pier, Solomon's	CDR Brian Storey, S commander@abcsomd.org
20 ~ 24 MAR	1600	D5 Spring Conference Ocean City, MD  Bob Blevins D5 Commander!	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
MAR	TBA	GREAT LOOP Q & A Guest Speakers	Michelle Beatty Milyn68@gmail.com
MAR	TBA	Great Loop Send-off Party Members Embarking 2024	TBA
4 APR	1830	Executive Committee Meeting @ TBA	commander@abcsomd.org
6 ~ 7 APR	TBA	SOMD Fishing & Outdoor Adventure Fair St. Mary's Fairgrounds <i>(Volunteers Needed, 2hr slots)</i>	TBA
11 APR	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ The Pier, Solomon's	commander@abcsomd.org
12 ~ 14 APR	1000	Bay Bridge Boat Show Bay Bridge Marina, Stevensville, MD	https://annapolisboatshows.com/bay-bridge-boat-show/
13 APR	TBA	Boating Season Kick-off Picnic TBA ~ Possibly in conjunction with Boat Show?	TBA



Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron Calendar 2024 *(Cont'd)*

Date/time correct as of press time;
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<https://www.usps.org/localusps/patuxent>

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2 MAY	1830	Executive Committee Meeting @ TBA	commander@abcsomd.org
9 MAY	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ The Pier, Solomon's	commander@abcsomd.org
19 MAY	1200	Blessing of the Fleet Solomon's, MD	Chuck & Michelle Beatty Milyn68@gmail.com
TBD MAY	1230	Vera's Luncheon (<i>by Boat or Land</i>) St. Leonard, MD	administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
20 - 25 MAY		National Safe Boaters Week	
MAY	TBA	MD Boater Safety Course	Lt/C John Torres, AP educationofficer@abcsomd.org
MAY	TBA	PRSPS Cruise #1 Cambridge, MD (?)	Cruise Host Needed
6 JUN	1830	Executive Committee Meeting @ TBA	commander@abcsomd.org
9	0700	Great Chesapeake Bay Swim <i>Boats & Jet Skis needed</i>	Chuck & Michelle Beatty Milyn68@gmail.com
13 JUN	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ The Pier, Solomon's	commander@abcsomd.org
4 JULY	1200	Solomon's 4th of July Boat Parade - Mill Creek	Chuck & Michelle Beatty Milyn68@gmail.com
4 JULY	TBA	Fireworks Float/Over Nighter Location TBD	Chuck & Michelle Beatty Milyn68@gmail.com
11 JULY	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg	commander@abcsomd.org
25 - 28 JULY		Summer Rendezvous Solomon's, MD	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
24 AUG	1200	PYRO JAM TBA	Chuck & Michelle Beatty Milyn68@gmail.com



Educational Officer's Report
Lt/C John Torres, AP

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
-Southern Maryland

will be teaching an America's Boating Course (ABC) beginning
Wednesday January 17th

ABC is designed to provide general information on boating safety, piloting, and navigation. Successful completion earns Maryland Boater Safety certification

Course is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and recognized by the USCG
Course is eight (8) weeks long (In-person & virtual) on Wednesday's at Safe Harbor Zahnisers
(\$55pp/\$45 for additional family members)
Registration required by January 3rd (limited seats)
Call: 240-561-8910
Email: educationofficer@abcsomd.org

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
For Boaters, By Boaters®

United States Power Squadrons



This class has 8 students. 7 in class and 1 attending online.

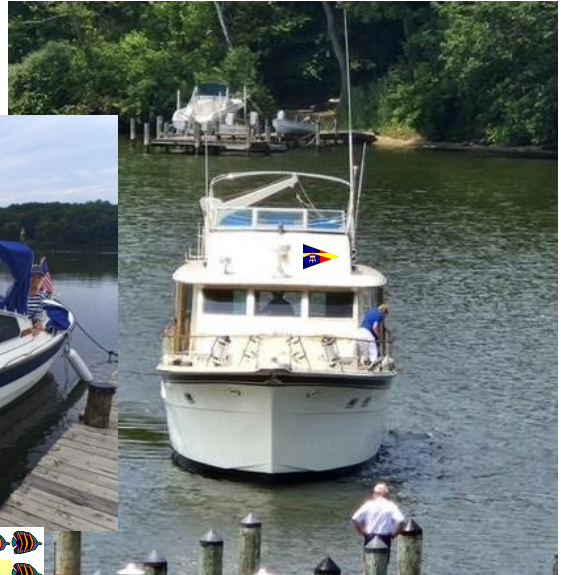


Volunteers needed to help with classes so our Educational Officer, John Torres can get some rest!

NEEDED: 16' - 23' Center Consol type boats for 'On The Water Training' during the Summer Rendezvous in Solomon's July 25 - 28. Please contact:
Lt/C John Torres, AP
educationofficer@abcsomd.org



Member Vessels



What's Missing?
[Your Vessel!](#)



If you would like to see your vessel featured here, submit your pictures to prpspseditor@gmail.com



Upcoming USPS National and District 5 Events

Put these on your calendar now and keep an eye on the D/5 web site (www.uspsd5.org) throughout the year for details and updates on these and other events.

USPS Annual Meeting

Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL
6-11 Feb 2024

If you are attending, Please take pictures and send to prspeditor@gmail.com

District 5 Spring Conference

Holiday Inn – Ocean City in
(as you may have guessed) Ocean City, MD
20-24 March 2024

See <https://www.uspsd5.org/> for details

2024 D/5 Spring Conference fillable registration form:

https://www.uspsd5.org/events/2024/22634_fillable%20registration.pdf

Hospitality Suite Reservation

https://www.uspsd5.org/events/2024/22634_hospitality%20suite%20reservation.pdf

Summer Rendezvous and Council

Spring Cove Marina
25-28 Jul, 2024, 1900

USPS Governing Board

Pittsburgh, PA



Don't Forget...

**Our very own Robert 'Bob' Blevins
is stepping up as our District 5 United States Power
Squadrons Commander
this March at the D/5 Spring Conference.**

D5 Spring Conference

Ocean City, MD

March 20 ~ 24

See Page 13 for the registration form and let's all attend the conference to show Bob our support. What an honor!

Meal Requests and payment are due by March 1st!



District 5 is currently working with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Foundation (VIMS) for a pilot shallow water survey to be conducted with Northern Neck and Dundalk Sail & Power Squadrons for creating processes/procedures, prior to opening the project to the rest of District 5 Squadrons.

This program is a draw for trailer boaters up to 30 ft. to gather data in depths 6 ft or less tributaries, creeks, etc. This data when sent to VIMS will be used for soil management, hurricane erosion predictions, etc. and incorporated into NOAA graphs. See the VIMS article by Squadron member Richard Lafferty below.

THE COASTAL RESILIENCE “PILOT PROJECT”

A Collaboration with (1) Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)– Center for Coastal Resources Management (CCRM) & (2) Virginia Institute of Marine Science Foundation

Collect “SHALLOW WATER” depth data for: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model Phase 7
By Richard Lafferty, Member; Delaware River Power Squadron,
Treasurer; Virginia Institute of Marine Science Foundation

Two District 5 Squadrons have requested to conduct the “pilot” program for shallow water depth surveys in their local areas to collaborate data gathering/transferring to **VIMS**. Volunteers of these two squadrons in their own trailer/small boats equipped with various brands of GPS/chart plotters will cruise in shallow water areas (less than six feet deep) to create “track lines”, while their transducer “pings” for depth to get accurate depth readings along coasts, bays, and tributary rivers of the Chesapeake Bay. The sonar systems creating the track lines are estimated to collect depth data over a track that is approximately 150 feet wide each. As this project entails transiting shallow water, where there could be hazards to navigation, each survey vessel will need to exercise extreme care to operate at safe speeds at all times.

The VIMS Center for Coastal Resource Management (CCRM) has been asked to explain how volunteer crews are to conduct their survey, presently only general guidance can be given. Each squadron will select a survey area of their own choosing. Each squadron should contribute a maximum of up to five boats, each boat manned by at least one observer who communicates by marine radio with the entire survey group, while the captain concentrates on navigation. It would be helpful in the survey of a tributary river, for the survey team to survey to the “head of navigable water” (depending on the draft of the survey vessel) probably to a depth of no less than three (3) feet. Logically, going “UP RIVER,” teams should hug the starboard side of the river, and the port side on their “DOWN RIVER” track. If charts of the river suggest that the shallow depth area of less than six feet is broad, then pairs of boats abeam is more ideal area coverage than a “follow the leader” strategy. When transiting along the shallow water coastline of a major river, to maximize the coverage area it would be important for the group to cruise in “line abreast” formation where all of the boats are on each other’s beam. If four survey vessels are in this formation the combination of transpond, when a specific hazard to navigation has been discovered to more completely document the rack widths could fully cover a width of approximately 600 feet. The fifth vessel can trail behind to exact geographic position and nature of the hazard.

Surveying an expanse of shallow water adjacent to a shoreline is more valuable than transiting an area of equal depth further out in the middle of the river - but the ideal is to accurately identify bottom depths in all survey zone areas that are less than six feet deep. The group effort will result in comprehensive depth data in the minimum amount of time for the area that the survey teams covered. (**Don’t break formation**). Each team should also compose an “after action report” to help inform future effort.

There will need to be coordination between the volunteer teams and **VIMS CCRM**. Specifically, each survey vessel’s unique configuration of the distance between the transducer, its depth location and the GPS unit needs to be measured and that data given to **VIMS Center for Coastal Resource Management (CCRM)**. Volunteers will be able to download track data from their SD CARD in the GPS unit directly to **VIMS** and able to see their TRACKS at a **VIMS** web address. **VIMS** will have the underlying depth data and which will enhance the effectiveness of the **VIMS SCHISM MODEL** already selected by the **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY** as the NEW standard hydro-graphic model of the Chesapeake Bay starting 2025.

To learn about the SCHISM MODEL:

<https://www.vims.edu/newsandevents/topstories>

(EPA selects VIMS model as bell weather for Bay health (Jan 18, 2022).

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THE COASTAL RESILIENCE “PILOT PROJECT” *Cont'd from pg 10*

In addition to enhancing the effectiveness of the SCHISM model **VIMS** is a “trusted (data) node” to NOAA (National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration) If the Pilot Program succeeds and subsequently District 5 conducts a broad depth data gathering project throughout the Bay, **VIMS** will be sending this data to (1) NOAA INTEGRATED OCEAN & COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM; (2) NOAA NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and; (3) INTER-NATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION DATA CENTER FOR DIGITAL BATHYMETRY. For instance, parts of the Potomac River were last surveyed in 1910.

The shallow water depth data project is potentially, a major multi-year public service project for all **District 5** Squadrons on the Chesapeake Bay. We hope to publicize the project - to encourage greater “on the water” member involvement for trailer/small boats. Any individual member, armed with the right GPS/chart plotter equipment could submit their own home creek track data to the **VIMS** website, not from just a single track in and out, but from numerous trips over a period of time, the same result a team effort could produce in hours. Volunteer teams are needed to cover areas that are more remote, to rapidly do a proper survey. The member squadrons of District 5 are the ideal source of volunteer teams, equipped with their own boats, using their boating experience and local knowledge, distributed around the bay, with the sonar gear to complete this essential data collection effort.

It is planned that District 5 Squadrons will begin this project in summer 2024. This data would:

- * Enhance the resilience of communities, making them safer from storm water surge and is a worthwhile public service project.
- * Shallow water depth data is critically important for (a) Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model Phase 7; (b) shoreline erosion studies (c) wave attenuation programs (d) more accurate computation of sea level changes and computations for storm surge.

For more information contact Bob Blevins @ bob.blevins@corpemail.biz





RESERVATION FORM
America's Boating Club – Mid-Atlantic
United States Power Squadrons® D/5 Spring Conference
21 – 24 March 2024
Holiday Inn Oceanfront, 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? _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

MENU SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Chicken Marsala: served with seasonal vegetables and rice pilaf. # ___ @ \$35.00 = \$ ____
Vegetable Lasagna: served with seasonal vegetables and rice pilaf. # ___ @ \$35.00 = \$ ____

Selections served with: House Salad, Regular and Decaf Coffee and Tea

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Atlantic Salmon: Marinated in soy sauce and ginger. # ___ @ \$47.00 = \$ ____
Tri Tip Steak: Served with red wine demi-glaze. # ___ @ \$47.00 = \$ ____
Vegetarian Spinach Ravioli: Served with roasted wild mushrooms, vodka sauce, and shaved pecorino cheese. # ___ @ \$47.00 = \$ ____

Selections Served with: House Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Butter, Apple Pie, Regular and Decaf Coffee and Tea.

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Children: Chicken Tenders with honey mustard or BBQ sauce, milk or chocolate milk, caffeine-free soda, cookies and brownies # ___ @ \$20.00 = \$ ____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Rockville Sail & Power Squadron

SEND TO: D/Lt/C Gene Danko
 24892 Magnolia Circle
 Millsboro, DE 19966
 (860-214-4779) (gene.danko@snet.net)

**MEAL RESERVATIONS must
 be received by 1 March 2024**

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

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL - Call Reservations Department at 410-524-1600

Use the Reservation Group Code: US Power Squadron Spring Conference 2024
 Holiday Inn Oceanfront Hotel 8600 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

- Non-Smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available upon request
- Baggage handling, if applicable, is \$8.00 per person, round trip.
- Check-in 1600 hours, checkout 1100 hours.
- Rates: Thursday 21 March: \$89.00. Friday 22 March: \$134.00. Saturday 23 March: \$134.00.
- Reservations will automatically be billed for one night.
- Rates listed do not include taxes.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 20 FEBRUARY 2024 TO ENSURE USPS® RATES



Members needed to man the booth in 1 ~ 2 hr blocks during the fair. Earn Merit Marks while having fun!

Southern Maryland Fishing & Outdoor Adventure Fair 2024

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
Leonardtown, Maryland

April 6 – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
April 7 - 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Fishing & Outdoor Vendors

Rods/Reels, Lures, Umbrellas, Tackle,
Outdoor Sports Gear, Paintings, Crafts & More

**Featuring
Speakers**

Food

Wine Tasting

Kids Casting Contest

50/50

Door Prizes



Admission \$5 Cash at Entrance
Kids age 12 and under Free

Maryland Boater Safety Course

Class Starts, Saturday 09:00 AM

Exam and Certification, Sunday 09:00 AM

America's Boating Club

**Register at: 240-561-8910 or
contact@abcsomd.org**



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Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization, Inc.
[Facebook](#)

**Vendor Registration at:
flypax@md.metrocast.net**

Editor's Report Michelle Beatty

Welcome to True Readings Newsletter 2024!

What you will find in our newsletters are squadron business as well as photos of activities, cruises, pop-ups and more from our Squadron members both scheduled and unscheduled. We will also bring you news from District and Nationals.

Please send pictures (with photographer name and short blurb about it), recipes, product reviews, before/after photos with story, or anything else you feel might be of interest to our readers. Activities could include family boating & community events outside of squadron activities in addition to squadron organized functions.

This newsletter we featured "Member Vessels" and "Member Adventures". Our last newsletter had "Maintenance Spotlight". We will alternate our spotlights so, Chuck Beatty is looking for members to interview about their vessel for future newsletters (ANY vessel, large or small). Please email us if you'd like us to spotlight your vessel.

"Member Adventures" are to be written & submitted by members with photos of their adventures. Don't worry if you're not a good writer, we will edit your story for you. Just make sure to have all the details and we will edit it as needed.

"Maintenance Spotlight" suggestions can be emailed as well as photos for quality printable photos to the editor. We will pull some photos from Facebook but prefer emailed photos. prpseditor@gmail.com is our email address and anything newsletter related, or questions should be sent to this address. ~ Lt Michelle Beatty, Editor

"... From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy." – Psalms 65:8



Fun Facts

Ship speeds are measured in knots - I kid you not!

One knot equals one nautical mile per hour. The term "knots" comes from the 17th century when sailors measured the speed of their ship by using a "common log," a rope tied with equally spaced knots. The common log would trail behind the boat for a specific amount of time before the sailors would count how many knots had passed. This estimated their speed.

TRUE READINGS

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PATUXENT RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
A UNIT OF DISTRICT 5

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

Vessel Safety Checks - A free yearly Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is an important safeguard to a safe day on the water. There are no consequences if your boat doesn't pass. Our goal, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is simply to make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends.

SCHEDULE YOUR VSC BEFORE BOATING SEASON BEGINS!

Squadron Bridge

2023 - 2024

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Administrative Officer

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