



PATUXENT RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
A UNIT OF DISTRICT 5



Mariner Trivia

A U.S. Coast Guard Boarding Officer who observes a vessel being operated in an unsafe condition, may terminate a vessel's voyage and direct the operator to return to port.

Which of the following is NOT a condition in which termination for unsafe use may be imposed:

- a. 26' vessel has one B-1 fire extinguisher on board
- b. Vessel rated for 6 passengers is carrying 7 but has the proper number of life jackets
- c. A 21' vessel does not have an Oil Pollution Placard installed posted in the machinery space
- d. Operating in regulated boating areas in adverse conditions



Commander's Report
CDR Brian Storey, S

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

"True Readings" is back by popular demand! Shortly after the Change of Watch, I was approached by a few members who expressed a desire that we bring back our squadron newsletter. With the onset of the pandemic, member participation in bridge positions and volunteers in general, were drastically reduced. As a result publication of the newsletter was ceased. However, one of our newest members, Michelle Beatty, has volunteered to be our new editor and Facebook page administrator. A huge thank you to Michelle!

Challenges Answered

For the Bridge, our biggest challenge has been decreasing member attendance and participation due to the disruption of the pandemic. The Bridge is meeting this challenge by using various means of communication. In recent months we have updated our email system, website, Facebook page and now our Newsletter in attempts to better inform our members about boating and shore activities. Lenore Blevins has been leading our efforts this year to schedule more frequent social activities and has done an outstanding job! Since Change of Watch this year, we have been to Captain Pat's in Dryden, Vera's, Stoney's at Clark's Landing and Ruddy Duck Seafood & Ale on Saint George Island (see photos on page #). At each event, we have had very good turnout and lots of fun. Communication of boating and social events has been a challenge but we are making headway. With the help of members like you working with the Bridge we will increase participation and avoid following in the footsteps of recently dissolved squadrons.

Squadron E-mails (active)

Email is the principal means for the public to communicate with the Bridge and the Bridge to formally communicate squadron business with our members. This month, we purchased a squadron unique web domain name, abcsomd.org (America's Boating Club – Southern Maryland) and email addresses for Bridge members. Public inquiries will use our new squadron email address; contact@abcsomd.org. We have updated our business cards to show this address and a QR link to our website. Let me know if you want business cards for personal use and to pass out. We are also in the process of updating our flyers and A-frame inserts to show this address and our squadron website QR link. The squadron commander is the email administrator. Both the commander@abcsomd.org and contact@abcsomd.org are sent to the squadron commander.

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August Meeting/Picnic
12 August @ 1230
Captain Pat's
46555 Dennis Point Way
Drayden, MD 20630





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Boat Activities
Cruises, Rendezvous

Social Activities

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Squadron Website



The website is our principal face to the public to communicate who we are, and opportunities we provide; Vessel Safety Check (VSC), Maryland Boater Safety Course (MBSC), boating classroom/web based and On-The-Water education. A desired outcome from this interaction is that we will gain new members and new friends. The website is the Bridge's primary means to communicate scheduled shore and boating activities to our members and public guests. In addition, there is a section where there will be links to boating information. Dan Patke is our webmaster. I encourage you to contact him with website ideas and content at prspwebmaster@gmail.com

Facebook Page 'Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron'



The Facebook page is our principal means to connect with members and reach new members. Boating activities are weather dependent. As such, decisions about activities will always be fluid. Use of our Facebook page provides members the means to rapidly communicate their spontaneous adventures to all our Facebook page users. You can even create an 'Event' for everyone to see so they can mark 'Going, Interested, Not Going'. Letting you know who to look for.

Facebook is our place to share memories, pictures with accompanying blurbs, as well as web links to boating and social events. It is also a great way to gain new squadron members, so be sure to invite your water loving friends to join our page and our club!

Use Facebook to communicate your upcoming events, adventures, and information pertinent to our squadron and our Facebook page members. Please visit and join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prsp/> If you're new to Facebook and would like to learn more about it contact Michelle Beatty, our Facebook page administrator. Contact her on Messenger with any questions you may have or to learn how to utilize the page more effectively.

On-Water Communication



So you've used the squadron resources above to plan your boating activity. Now that you're on the water how do you communicate with members around you? If you know who you are meeting on the water, cell phone & text is an easy way to communicate. You can call your friends on VHF. BUT there is a third option, use the **ARGO** app.

ARGO NAV is a boating app that is a functional chart plotter while allowing you to connect with other ARGONAV friends through chat. This app shows your ARGONAV friends position and allows you to plot a course to their location. The developer is working towards Group specific private chats. The basic app with these functions are FREE. If you have questions or want to learn more about this app, contact John Torres who uses it frequently.

Communication is crucial in growing the Squadron and we now have multiple platforms in which to accomplish this. Reach out to other members and invite them to your next adventure or offer a helping hand to new members. It's also OK to ask others if they have plans and would they mind if you joined in. If you have any ideas or see areas for improvement, please reach out to the members of the Bridge so we can help. ~ CDR Brian Storey, S



July PRSPS Member Meeting Highlights

What you might have missed

ABC Videos were shared:

MAN OVERBOARD - Bing video

Madness at the Boat Ramp!! | Boneheaded Boaters of the Week | Broncos Guru - Bing video

Information:

America's Boating Channel™ - YouTube Is produced for United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Access on the web:

'<https://youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel>' or Roku, FireTV and Smart TV

USPS Videos – maintenance, boater safety, boating operation technics, how to, operations in select inlet

- Link to boating related TV shows, boat races, cooking onboard, USCG, American Canoe Association (ACA), NASBLA, National
- Safe Boating Council (NSBC), Sea Tow Foundation, The Corps Foundation – Official Nonprofit of America's Lakes and Waterways, and Water Sports Foundation



2023-2024 Bridge Focus

Theme "Just One"

- ◆ Just do One of the following:
- ◆ Attend one monthly meeting
- ◆ Bring one non-member friend
- ◆ Attend one non-boating social event
- ◆ Participate in one overnight cruise
- ◆ Participate in one local boating event
- ◆ Take one class
- ◆ Initiate one non-boating social event
- ◆ Initiate one overnight cruise to a destination of your choice
- ◆ Initiate one local day boating event

Boating Activities

- ◆ Raft Ups
- ◆ Kayaking
- ◆ Jet Skiing
- ◆ Skiing
- ◆ Tubing
- ◆ Boat to a waterside Restaurant/bar for lunch or dinner
- ◆ Overnight cruises
- ◆ Join other near by squadron events



Possible Shore Activities

- ◆ Squadron Hosted Christmas Party
- ◆ Squadron Hosted Picnic Gatherings
- ◆ Boat Shows
- ◆ Fishing Expos
- ◆ Calvert Marine Museum
- ◆ Blessing of the Fleet at Saint Clements
- ◆ National Lighthouse Weekend in Saint Clements
- ◆ Saint Mary's Oyster Festival
- ◆ Charter a Skipjack
- ◆ Leonardtown First Friday Event (weekend)
- ◆ Saint Mary's College Summer Concerts
- ◆ Calvert Maritime Museum Summer Concerts
- ◆ Southern Maryland Celtic Festival
- ◆ Dining
- ◆ Brewery and Winery's
- ◆ Volunteering for Community Events



Vessel Spotlight

This month's *Vessel Spotlight* is "C-Life", a 1984 Egg Harbor Golden Egg 40 Flush Deck Motor Yacht owned by members Chuck and Michelle Beatty.

The Egg Harbor 40 Motor Yacht was one of the last of the flush-deck motor yacht designs built by a major U.S. manufacturer. Ending production in 1986, she was built on the reworked hull of the earlier Pacemaker 40 MY whose molds and tooling Egg Harbor had acquired after Pacemaker closed down in 1980.

C-Life is 40' in length, has a 14' 1" beam, she is 16' 2" above the water line, without the radar arch. She is built on a modified-V fiberglass hull with a full keel and drafts only 2' 11". She carries 290 gallons of fuel, 75 gallons of water and weighs in at over 30,000 lbs. She has two-staterooms, a U-shaped galley down from the salon, and the aft head is equipped with a separate stall shower. A built-in washer/dryer is hidden under the salon wet bar, and the grain-matched teak woodwork still looks wonderful after 39 years of service.



The aft stateroom is full width and features an island queen bed with a large cedar lined closet. Topside, the covered pilot house features a second wet bar as well as a bench seat for both captain and first mate. Wide side decks provide secure access to the bow with high rails and hand holds. She has twin inboard Crusader 350's installed for power and cruises comfortably and quietly at 7 knots at about 1800 RPM. But in a pinch, she can jump up on plane and skim along at around 15 knots. An Onan generator provides electricity away from the dock and her flybridge is high above the waterline for great views of the Chesapeake and Patuxent River.

Chuck and Michelle purchased "C-Life", June 2, 2023 and are the forth owners of the vessel. They joined the Power Squadron in December 2022 in preparation for owning a yacht but at that time owned two Sea-Doo personal watercraft (and still 'Doo"!)

The name "C-Life" has several different meanings that melted together. First and foremost, the 'C' stands for Christ. The Beatty's are of strong Christian faith and hope to use this wonderful boat as a tool to share the word of God with those who come aboard. It is also an acronym for 'See life from a different perspective' which can either be perceived from a religious point of view, or simply... not from land. And of course, what better way to see life, than out on the water on C-Life watching sea life?





Editor's Report

Michelle Beatty

Welcome to the Newly Updated and revived True Readings Newsletter!

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. The newsletters will be monthly. The length of them will be as long as the member contributions. Meaning, if no one contributes, it may be a one-page newsletter. On the other hand, the more officers & members that send us information for the newsletter the longer it will be and the greater the content will be. This has an article from the Squadron Commander, while subsequent issues will have updates by other Bridge officers.

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 events outside squadron activities, in addition to squadron organized functions.

As you will see in this month's newsletter, we are featuring "Member Vessels" and "Member Adventures". Chuck Beatty will be interviewing members about their vessels, (ANY vessel, large or small) and featuring one vessel every other month. 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 feel 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.

For quality printable photos, please email them 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. ~ Michelle Beatty

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you ... " – Isaiah 43:2



Fun Facts

In 1912, Roger Upton Decided to form an unofficial Power Boat Division of the Boston Yacht Club. A year later, that division became "The Power Squadron."

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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.

District 5 Summer Cruise*

Various Points on Chesapeake
23-27 July, 2023

District 5 Summer Rendezvous & Conference*

Lankford Marina, Rock Hall, MD
28-30 July, 2023

* See www.USPSD5.org for details

USPS Governing Board

Marriott Downtown Kansas City
27 Aug - 4 September, 2023

Fall Educational Conference

Maritime Institute
2 - 5 November, 2023

Delaware River Educational Cruise

MV Ben Franklin
401 North Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA19123
215-629-8687
27 July 2023



Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron Calendar 2023

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

Date	Time	Event	Contact
4 July	1200	Solomon's 4th of July Boat Parade @ Mill Creek	
8 July	1230	Squadron Luncheon @ The Ruddy Duck—St George Island	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
11 July	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ The Pier, Solomon's	CDR Brian Storey, S commander@abcsomd.org
15-16 July	0900	Maryland Boaters Safety Course @ West Marine, Solomons	Lt/C John Torres, AP Educationofficer @abcsomd.org
12 August	1230	PRSPS Member Mtg & Picnic @ Captain Pat's, Drayden	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
18-20 August	TBD	Harington Harbor South Cruise Meet up TBD	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
31 August	1830	Executive Committee Meeting @ TBD	CDR Brian Storey, S commander@abcsomd.org
7 Sept	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ The Pier, Solomon's	CDR Brian Storey, S commander@abcsomd.org
10 Sept	1800	Squadron Dinner @ Island Hideaway, Solomon's	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
TBD Sept	TBD	Smith Island Cruise & Luncheon More Information to come	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
22-24 Sept	TBD	Oxford More Information to come	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S Administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org



Member Adventures

Summer Cruise 2023 with the Valley Forge Squadron - By Lt/C Steve Bizarro, P

Plans for the 2023 summer cruise began coming together late in 2022. The cruise has become an annual tradition amongst ABC members from both the Valley Forge and Annapolis Squadrons. A college friend and member of the Valley Forge group first invited my wife and I last year and we had a wonderful time meeting new friends and enjoying the time on the water. This year was no different as a total of 8 boats joined us in traveling to several locations on the bay and sharing our love of the water.

We pulled out of Mill Creek and entered the Patuxent River under light winds, late morning on June 2nd. The summer cruise was to begin on Saturday, June 3rd in Annapolis. We wanted to arrive early and planned to anchor in Selby Bay just off the South River for the night to get an early start to the Severn River the next day. Winds were light just about all day, so we ended up motoring most of the way. There is no better way to get an appreciation of the bay than at 5.5 knots! As we entered the South River, we could see the first wave of boats headed down the bay for the Annapolis to Newport race being held that weekend. It was a wonderful site.

We were up with the sun, had a good breakfast...with coffee and then pulled anchor. The crab boats were already out ahead of us, it was so peaceful, nonetheless. The morning winds were again light, so we motored out and around the Thomas Point Lighthouse towards the triple towers that mark the entrance to the Severn. By the time we got to The Yacht Basin in Annapolis, it was late morning and radioed for our slip assignment. We were lucky to get a slip right off Spa Creek with a great view of the drawbridge. It was fun relaxing and getting some boat watching in as all the boats went right on by as if in a parade. We met up with our fellow cruisers for the first of several boat crawls that were planned. It was good seeing many of the same faces and friends I had met during last year's cruise. We got caught up on life and had some laughs. The following day we were on our own to explore and sample some of the great food that Annapolis is known for.



On Monday the 5th we got ready to go and headed out of the Severn down the bay to Herrington Harbor South. As we rounded Thomas Point, we got our first look at several dauphin pods that guided us in our travels. This was the first day that you could really notice the haze in the air from what they said were the fires in Canada. I was



fortunate to just have to follow my breadcrumbs to Herrington as I've been there several times, each was memorable. The marina reserved the entire entrance way dock for us cruisers. It was great for comradery and our next boat crawl on Dark Star, a 47' Catamaran. Several squadron members rented this beautiful boat together. We all got the grand tour and had a wonderful time talking boats. The sad thing was that due to the light winds Dark Star never had a chance to put its sails up during the week, only for the trip home! The following day we enjoyed the resort and had a catered cookout for dinner.

Leaving the marina Wednesday morning the smoke haze had our visibility down to about half a mile...dead reckoning was out of the question. Fortunately, GPS and several location apps kept us on course. Our next stop was Saint Michaels. Traveling across the bay and across the main shipping channel in low

visibility conditions would have been challenging without AIS. AIS gave us a good look at all the shipping traffic in our area and what to steer clear of. Even if you don't have AIS, you can access the information on your smartphone using the "Marine Traffic" app.

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As we came into the Eastern Bay the wind began building out of the North, which slowed our progress initially, but gave us a boost once we made the turn up the Miles River. We had reservations at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and were one of the first boats to arrive as we were hosting the boat crawl that evening. We had a great spot on the "T" head and settled in for a wonderful stay on the museum grounds. That evening we went to dinner at the Crab Claw, just outside the museum. This is the last year for the iconic restaurant, as it was recently sold to the museum. It will be interesting to see what they do with it. The following day was filled with exploration of the museum



grounds and a boat construction tour, followed by a Commander's Cocktail Party. Friday morning, we headed north towards Prospect Bay and Kent Narrows. We were a bit early for the next opening of the Kent Narrows Bridge, so we just kept circling until our turn. There is a very narrow channel here and you don't want to get outside of the markers. This route saves you from having to go back out to the bay and around Kent Island to head north. From the narrows, we came out of the Chester River on our way to Rock Hall. Rock Hall is another very shallow entrance where you must be watchful. We had slips at Haven Harbor which is a wonderful, protected oasis on the Eastern Shore. Following another boat crawl and a wonderful dinner at the Harbor Shack we retired for a well-deserved sleep after an exhausting day of fun.

Saturday was the last official day of our cruise marked by the Cruise Wrap-Up Cookout right there at the marina. The food and company were fantastic as we each shared our stories of the week and talked of future plans. Sunday morning, we all departed for home. For some that was a quick sail across the bay but for us it was the beginning of another two-day trip south. We got an early start and made great progress working our way down the bay. The weather prediction was for winds building out of the south, 15 steady with gusts to 30. We easily got by the Thomas Point lighthouse weaving around the 11 cargo ships we counted anchored just south of the bridge. As we got to Selby Bay the conditions weren't that bad, so we decided to press on knowing that the forecast was for increasing winds out of the south. We got just past Harrington Harbor, when the winds began blowing at a steady 25 with gusts to 35. We were getting hit with 4-5 foot rollers that were washing the deck. We then decided it'd be smart to find refuge at Harrington for the night. We turned towards the Marina and made the call on the VHF. Fortunately, they had room for us and we had an enjoyable evening without the rocking and rolling.

The wind continued to blow all night. As we headed back out in the morning we were getting reports of small craft warnings. We put up the staysail and the main and proceeded to tack our way down the bay in 30 knot winds. It was rough but nothing we couldn't handle. Once we got everything tied down, the ride wasn't bad, but we weren't making much forward progress. In the early afternoon, the winds shifted and began coming out of the southwest. That gave us a near broad reach on our way back to the Solomons area. My weather alarm kept going off telling boaters to seek shelter but there is no real shelter between Herrington and Solomons. We were sailing along at about 7 knots with a minimum amount of sail up but at least now we were heading south! After running through a couple of light showers we arrived at the mouth of the Patuxent in the late afternoon. We were able to get the boat back into its slip, empty the boat of all our things and get into the garage before the approaching storm hit. It was an exhausting but wonderful trip. Once recharged we'll be ready to do it again!



Member Activities & Cruises

**Dinner at Stoney's Seafood Restaurant (Clark's Landing)
Hollywood, MD
21 June 2023**



**Lunch at Vera's
Dryden, MD
17 June 2023**



**Ruddy Duck Saint George's Island
8 July 2023**





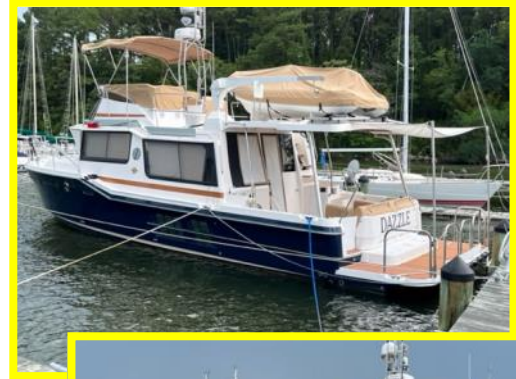
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New member acquisitions

Bob and Lenore Blevins' New Family Addition

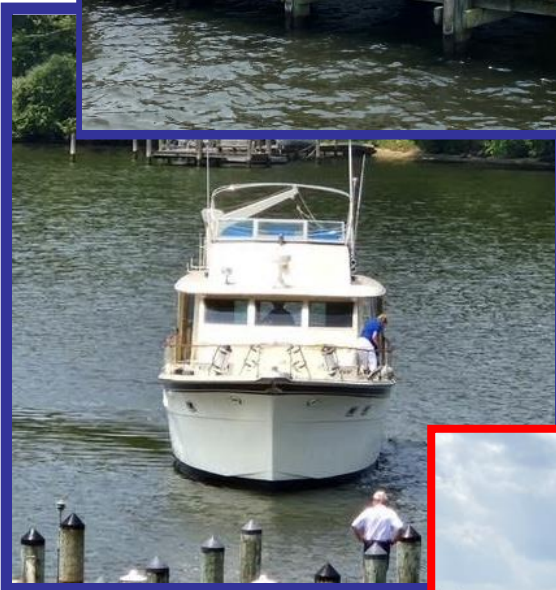


Bob Prior and Cheryl Budd's New Family Addition



Chuck and Michelle Beatty's New Family Addition

(See Vessel Spotlight)



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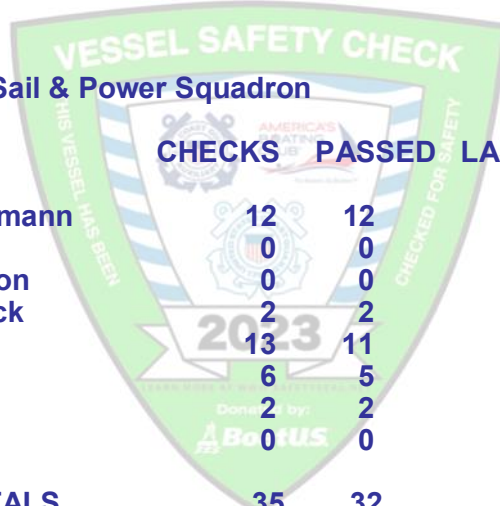
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DECALS SENT: 80

NAME	CHECKS	PASSED	LAST CHECK DATE
James A. Brueggemann	12	12	7/01/2023
James W. Dawson	0	0	5/25/2022
Patricia Ann Dawson	0	0	4/12/2022
Donald W. Kilpatrick	2	2	4/14/2023
Daniel Allen Patke	13	11	7/01/2023
Kenneth T. Perigo	6	5	7/01/2023
David A. Robinson	2	2	5/12/2023
John Torres	0	0	7/21/2022
PRSPS TOTALS	35	32	



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