

# United States Power Squadrons®

*Sail and Power Boating*

District 5



TO: D/C J. Brian Becker, AP  
FROM: D/Lt/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP  
SUBJECT: Executive Officer Report  
DATE: March 27, 2009

All Departments of the Executive Officer are current and cooperating at an acceptable or better level.

Public Relations: D/U Stephanie Ward, P has reported all the money in the Public Relations fund was given out last year. As of 16 February 09, there is still \$900.00 left to be distributed. Get your submission in so your squadron can receive the money due them.

Liaison Committee: D/Lt Howard Manly, AP reports the Liaison Committee is operating and has taken care of all accommodations of guests for this conference. He did report that it is becoming more difficult to have representation from the five (5) states of District 5's Marine Police agencies to attend D/5 conferences/councils due to monetary constraints of the individual states.

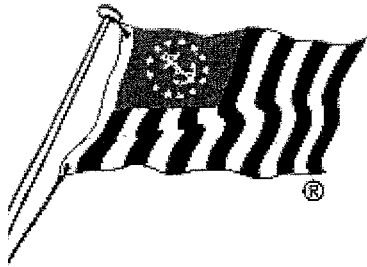
Co-Operative Charting: D/Lt Steve Leishman, SN: Cooperative Charting continues to be alive and well. Reports the Co-Operative Charting Seminar will be held in Norfolk on 1-3 May 2009. This is a very worthwhile function and a lot of fun. There is information on the Secretary's table, so please make plans and encourage your squadron members to place this on their calendar and attend. Five squadrons have participated so far this year and it looks like all five will make the squadron honor roll and a few people will make the individual honor roll. We have three squadrons participating in the adopt-a-chart program: Miles River, Patuxent River, and Trenton Falls. There will be a co-op charting session at the spring conference and we hope to have a guest speaker from NOAA Weather with us. In early May, we'll sponsor the NOAA-USPS workshop in Norfolk and our leadoff speaker is expected to be the Port Captain from the Port of Norfolk.

Boats Shows: District 5 squadrons are active in the area boat shows. It is imperative that squadrons combine with each other, as most boat shows will encompass an area that is probably larger than one individual squadron. We need to foster cooperation between squadrons and this is a very worthwhile endeavor. Trawler Fest was attended by District 5 and was very successful. It was reported many squadrons signed up a number of new members at the Atlantic City Boat Show and the Baltimore Boat Show.

Safety Committee: D/Lt Dwain Rodman, reports the need for squadrons to complete their safety report and send it in to him. We did not have a very good accounting of what our individual squadrons completed with regards to safety programs. In order for the District to disseminate information, such as what programs work for other squadrons, we have to know the programs. Please help us with this endeavor.

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Vessel Safety Inspection Committee: *DIU* Michael Lebeduik III, P reports the committee is busy with accomplishing Vessel Safety Checks. Remember the number of decals you receive is dependant on the number of Safety Checks done the previous year. Of course, the goal is to do as many as you can.

Squadron Development Committee: *PIDIC* Kay Simkins, AP reports Colonial Sail and Power Squadron has been approved by National and was announced at the Annual Meeting in Anaheim. National also approved Nanticoke Sail and Power Squadron provisional status. This squadron will be based in the Seaford, Delaware area. Although we have lost some squadrons due to the dynamics in the area; therefore, we need to move on and create new ones where there is a need for boating education. There are certain outside influences we cannot control, but we can adjust to the changes and maintain our status of being the best boating education organization and also the one who has the most fun.

Sea Vester Operations: *PIDIC* Drex Bradshaw, AP reports Sea Vester has been all over the District and continues to be a viable tool in attracting new people and letting them know what USPS, and in particular, District 5 is all about. The Harrisburg Outdoor Show was very successful and *PIDIC* Bradshaw deserves a tremendous amount of credit as he was there for the entire show. I personally talked to two individuals who expressed interest in membership and their names were passed on to the respective squadrons.

Nance and I have had the extreme pleasure to attend the Holiday Parties of Annapolis, Rockville, Richmond, Trenton Falls, Delaware River, and Pennsway. We thank them for their hospitality. Special thanks to Donna and Bill Selden, Richmond Sail and Power Squadron, and Joe and Rosa Gibson, Rockville Sail and Power Squadron for their gracious hospitality. We also thank Fred and Jeanne Stiehl, Ocean City Power Squadron, and the entire Ocean City Power Squadron for involving us in their annual turkey dinner, it was delicious. It was a pleasure to attend the Church Service at the United States Naval Academy and luncheon hosted by Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron, it was very impressive. We attended the annual meeting in Anaheim, California which was very informative and my grandsons were able to go to Disneyland. Susquehannock Sail and Power Squadron extended their wonderful hospitality at their Change of Watch. We also had the pleasure of attending the Change of Watch for Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron and Hampton Roads Power Squadron. Many thanks to Commander Ken Hesterberg for allowing Nance and me to stay in his home. We are anxious to attend other squadron events in the months ahead.

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