



PATUXENT RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
A UNIT OF DISTRICT 5



Mariner Trivia

Will Robinson!

What does it mean when you hear 5 or more short rapid blasts of a boats horn?

- A) *Warning signal - used when coming around a blind corner or exiting a slip.*
- B) *Danger or signal that you do not understand or disagree with the other boater's intentions.*
- C) *A request to play Patty Cake*
- D) *Captain intends to pass on the right (starboard) side.*

V24/I4 Answer: D

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**May 18 ~ 24
2024 National Safe Boating Week**

2024 National Safe Boating Week Offers Tips for All Boaters

CLEARWATER, FL – National Safe Boating Week will be held from May 18-24, 2024, reminding all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This observance week is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible.

“We’re committed to teaching boaters that the best boating experience is a safe day on the water,” said Peg Phillips, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, a nonprofit dedicated to helping create a safe boating experience for all boaters and the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign. “This National Safe Boating Week, prepare for a great boating season by inspecting your boating safety gear and commit to providing comfortable life jackets for all your passengers to wear every time you go boating.”

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities, and that 75 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

There are many options for boaters when it comes to choosing a life jacket. When selecting a life jacket, a boater should check that it is U.S. Coast Guard approved, appropriate for the water activity, and fits properly.

“The best life jacket is the one you will wear,” said Phillips. “Whether you’re going fishing or just enjoying a ride on the boat, make sure you’re prepared for the adventure by wearing a life jacket and knowing how to use required safety gear.”

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Attend the Members meetings and get entered to win one of these....

Hero Swim Shirts...would you wear it?

- The HERO Inflatable Rash Guard
- The Life It Saves Could Be Yours

Every year thousands of children and adults die in drowning fatalities.

Introducing a Hero that could save your life.

https://youtu.be/3RG6_Fo9UZY

Guest speaker from S.O.S. Swim Shirts at this months meeting. See it in person!



May Meeting

9 May @ 1730
Stoney's Clarke's Landing
24580 Clarkes Landing Ln
Hollywood, MD 20636



Commander's Message

CDR Lenore Blevins, S

It is always a pleasure to see everyone come out to our monthly meetings. In April, we met at the Pax River Ale House in Lexington Park. The food was good, and we managed to cover all the items for the Squadron as well as listen to "Dock Talks" (helpful hints and maintenance tips) and "Sea Chest of Horrors" (cautionary tales of boating experiences, errors, or mishaps). All this and still done before 8 pm! If you have a story about your boat, an article you may have read about a boating incident, or boating products you'd like to recommend & review that might be of interest to our members please come forward so we can enjoy listening & learning. Last month's stories created discussions amongst our members and what could be learned from them. What a great idea "Dock Talks" are!



On the 19th of May, Blessing of the Fleet will take place in Solomon's and we will meet at Vera's Restaurant in White Sands afterward. Come by boat or by land, I look forward to seeing you there!

Our Administration Officer Lt/C Michelle Beatty will keep us informed of all our Scheduled events for each month, including where our monthly meetings will be held. Please check your e-mails, you won't want to miss a thing! Thank you, Michelle.



This month National Safe Boating Week runs 18 - 24 May. If you or someone you know needs a Vessel Safety Check, please contact P/C John Torres or 1st/Lt Jim Brueggemann. If you are interested in taking any courses through the Squadron, please contact P/John Torres for class information. Safe Boating is King!



GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY 4.4 MILE SWIM & 1 MILE BAY CHALLENGE

Jet skis and Boats still needed for this year's swim. If you have already volunteered, thank you. If you received a response from your volunteer email you are down. For those that didn't, we need your help. These swimmers can't make it across without us. Jet Skis are pickups and boats are landings for swimmers that just can't make it across. It is a great time to just be out on the Bay.

If you need a slip for the swim. A discount code for Dockwa will be given to you. It is up to you to reserve your slip through dockwa. **The swim will cover the slip for Saturday** but if you want Friday also you will have to pay for that.



For more information and to step up to volunteer, contact David Burke @ cbpba.bayswim@gmail.com and let Michelle Beatty or Michele Torres know that you're volunteering. This is a community service and will count towards a Merit Mark. Even if it didn't, it is so worth it! Dinner meeting for all riders/drivers at Cult Classic Brewing Company in Stevensville, MD. Prizes are given out to attendees. We won a \$50 Amazon Gift Card and a Dry bag First Aid Kit last year. Also, Free Box lunch after the swim. This is seriously a good time! And you're done by 1200 - 1300 and can enjoy the rest of the day on the Bay.



MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Welcome to a night of intrigue and suspense, where every guest has a hidden agenda, and every bite could be your last. Take part in a lavish dinner party where a murder has been committed, and you, the esteemed guests, are all suspects.

As the shadows lengthen and the wine flows freely, you'll find yourself entangled in a web of deceit, suspicion, and betrayal. With each passing course, secrets will be unearthed, alibis will crumble, and alliances will shift like the sands of time. Can you use your wit, your intuition, and perhaps a little bit of cunning to expose the killer before it's too late?

But beware, dear guest, for danger lurks around every corner. The walls have ears, the servants have secrets, and the killer could be closer than you think. So, put on your detective hats, sharpen your knives (metaphorically, of course), and prepare for a night you'll never forget.

In this game of cat and mouse, only the most cunning and observant will survive. So, dig into your dinner, savor the mystery, and remember, everyone has a motive...

The evening includes a sumptuous three-course to enjoy as you the murder unfolds. Each guest is assigned a character prior to arrival. Come dressed in your finest and be prepared to solve the murder as our host guides you through the evening.

THE ROARING 20'S RUB OUT

It's 1923, and the party seems endless at Jay Glittersby's New York mansion. Revel in the luxurious, free-spirited atmosphere of the 1920s punctuated by dancing, wildly opulent decor, and flapper fashion...until a shot rings out, and an unwelcome guest is found dead. Was the motive revenge, jealousy, or greed? Is the murderer a flapping dancer, a jazzy musician, or a slyly deferential server? You decide. The game is afoot!

Maximum number of players: 16

Menu

Appetizer Course

Crab Stuffed Mushrooms
Artichoke-Spinach Dip with Pita Chips

Entrée Course

Classic Meatloaf
*Served with...*Duchess Potatoes (V, GF)
Garlic Parmesan Roasted Broccoli (V, GF*)

Dessert Course

Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Rum Caramel Sauce

Cost: \$125 per person ~ Deposit Due: \$35 per person ~ RSVP by 15 August ~ Balance due at the door (or before)
Period Dress is Required

Space is limited to only 16 people so RSVP by 15 August! Spots are filling up quick. Email Michelle Beatty at PRSPSeditor@gmail.com with name, phone number to register.





Maintenance Spotlight

Written by Chuck Beatty

Inboard gas engine cooling systems

Rising temperatures on the water temp gauge at the helm is a sure sign that the cooling system on your engine needs attention. This month's Maintenance Spotlight is going to cover the Marine Heat Exchanger on gasoline inboard engines.

Salt water, polluted water, algae-infested water, whatever water your boat is floating in is flowing through the raw water side of your engine cooling system. Not to mention all the microscopic marine life that the raw water strainer can't catch.

"Freshwater-cooled" or "closed cooling systems" circulate antifreeze around the engine and cool it with raw water through a heat exchanger. Among other advantages, this reduces the number of engine components being exposed to sea water. Think of the heat exchanger on your boat engine as the radiator in your car, except that it uses water instead of air to cool the antifreeze that circulates around the hot components of the engine. In the photo you can see the inner workings of the heat exchanger through cutouts in the outer case. Most are constructed of relatively thin copper and painted for corrosion protection. They are pretty heavy and easily damaged so handle with care!



The raw-water side of the cooling system is where maintenance is critical. Every couple of years the heat exchanger should be thoroughly cleaned out. As you can see in the photo, the passages inside are quite small and can clog easily. Marine growth and other contaminants get stuck in the tubes reducing the flow of cooling water through the system. The heat exchanger can be removed and serviced but this is a costly and labor-intensive process. There are products on the market that will dissolve contaminants, open clogged passages and generally clean the entire raw water side of the system. A circuit is setup with a pump so that the cleaner is cycled from a bucket, through the raw water side of the cooling system and back into the bucket. It takes



several hours for the chemicals to do their work but this is a task that a relatively handy boat owner can tackle without having to call in the professionals. Mechanics charge by the hour! Some hose, a few fittings, a bilge pump, a five gallon bucket and some spare time is about all it takes. (Oh and a gallon of Barnacle Buster at about \$100)



2024 SPRING BOAT SHOW
 Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron
 Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center
 Kilmarnock
 Saturday April 27
 10 AM - 3 PM

Silent Auction Raffle Bake Sale

Boats - New & Used
 Arts & Crafts
 Classic Cars & Boats
 Flea Market
 Food Trucks

Contact: Angie - events@abcnkn.org
 (804) 577-4324 www.abcnkn.org



PRSPS Members visiting a sister squadron's boat show.



2024 National Safe Boating Week Offers Tips for All Boaters (cont'd from cover)

The National Safe Boating Council recommends these tips for boaters:

- Take a boating safety course. Gain valuable knowledge and on-water experience in a boating safety course with many options for novice to experienced boaters.
- Check equipment. Schedule a free vessel safety check with local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons to make sure all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition.
- Make a float plan. Always let someone on shore know the trip itinerary, including operator and passenger information, boat type and registration, and communication equipment on board before you leave the dock.
- Wear a life jacket. Make sure everyone wears a life jacket – every time. A stowed life jacket is no use in an emergency.
- Use an engine cut-off switch – it's the law. An engine cut-off switch is a proven safety device to stop a powerboat engine should the operator unexpectedly fall overboard.
- Watch the weather. Always check the forecast before departing on the water and frequently during the excursion.
- Know what's going on around you at all times. Nearly a quarter of all reported boating incidents in 2022 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout.
- Know where you're going and travel at safe speeds. Be familiar with the area, local boating speed zones, and always travel at a safe speed.
- Never boat under the influence. A BUI is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Always designate a sober skipper.
- Keep in touch. Have more than one communication device that works when wet. VHF radios, emergency locator beacons, satellite phones, and cell phones can all be important devices in an emergency.

The Safe Boating Campaign is produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund and administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The campaign offers a variety of free and paid resources to support local boating safety education efforts. Learn more at www.safeboatingcampaign.com.



DON'T FORGET TO **SCHEDULE YOUR VSC BEFORE BOATING SEASON BEGINS!**

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.



Vessel Safety Check Update

To all Vessel Examiners:

The VSC Workshop found at <https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12900/12900-vessel-safety-check/12900-vessel-safety-check-updates> has been provided by the USCG and its review provides some new information for all Vessel Examiners. The latest workshop is a requirement for certification.

These Workshops can be viewed individual or in a classroom environment. There will not be any test, however if conducted in a classroom discussions are encouraged.

This workshop is mandatory and must be completed by June 30, 2024 to retain certification!





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> |
|----------------|-------------|---|--|
| 9 MAY | 1730 | PRSPS Member Mtg @ Stoney's at Clarks Landing Guest Speaker from S.O.S. Swim Shirts | CDR Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org |
| MAY 13 | 1730 | Looper's Meeting with Live the Dash / Traveling America's Great Loop @ Hidden Harbor Café, Calvert Marina | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer@abcsomd.org |
| 18 - 19 MAY | TBA | MD Boater Safety Course @ West Marine, Solomon's | Lt/C John Torres, AP educationofficer@abcsomd.org |
| 19 MAY | 1200 | Blessing of the Fleet Solomon's, MD | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer@abcsomd.org |
| 19 MAY | 1400 | Vera's Luncheon (<i>by Boat or Land</i>) St. Leonard, MD | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer@abcsomd.org |
| 18 - 24 MAY | | National Safe Boaters Week | Lt/C John Torres, AP educationofficer@abcsomd.org |
| MAY | TBA | PRSPS Cruise #1 Let us know where you want to go! | <u>Cruise Host Needed</u> |
| 6 JUN | 1830 | Executive Committee Meeting @ Blevins Home | CDR Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org |
| 9 JUN | 0700 | Great Chesapeake Bay Swim <i>Boats & Jet Skis needed</i> | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer@abcsomd.org |
| 13 JUN | 1730 | PRSPS Member Mtg @ TBA | CDR Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org |
| 14 - 16 JUN | 1200 | Antique & Classic Boat Festival St. Michaels | <u>Who's Going???</u> |
| 20 JUN | 1800 | Beatty's Boat Renaming Ceremony Calvert Marina, Shed 'F' | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer@abcsomd.org |

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

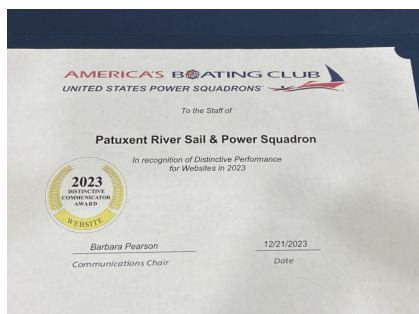
Date/time correct as of press time;
watch your email or Facebook for any changes or visit the squadron web site:
<https://www.usps.org/localusps/patuxent>

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
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| 4 JULY | 1200 | Solomon's 4th of July Boat Parade - Mill Creek | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org |
| 4 JULY | TBA | Fireworks Float/Anchor Out Mill Creek | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org |
| 11 JULY | 1730 | PRSPS Member Mtg @ TBA Guest Speaker, Dolphin Watch | CDR Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org |
| 25 - 28 JULY | | Summer Rendezvous Solomon's, MD | CDR Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org |
| 8 AUG | 1700 | Summer Picnic/Pool Party Calvert Marina | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org |
| 24 AUG | 1200 | PYRO JAM TBA | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org |
| 27 - 29 SEP | TBA | Fall Cruise Oxford | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org |
| 19 OCT | 1800 | Roaring 20's Rub Out Murder Mystery Dinner @ No Thyme To Cook, Solomon's, MD 1st FL | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org |
| 14 DEC | 1730 | Christmas Party/Boat Parade @ Bug Eye Grill - 1st Floor | Lt/C Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org |

Thanks to Dan Patke and the time he dedicates to keeping our webpage up and running, Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron received the coveted 2023 DCA award for our website. We can now proudly display our

2023 Distinctive Communication Award - Website

Thank you Dan for all your hard work!





Administrative Officer's Message
Lt/C Michelle Beatty

As Administrative Officer, I'm looking forward to offering a calendar that entices you to go boating, encourages you to spend time with people who love boating, and elicits a strong desire to help others learn about boating.

With that being said, I want to remind everyone that our first 'On the water' activity is only a little over a week away! May 19th there will be 'Solomon's Blessing of the Fleet' that we will be attending with lunch at Vera's to follow at 2pm. *Did you know Vera's was sold and is now under new management? Let's all get together and see what the NEW Vera's has to offer. Come by boat or by land and reconnect with your fellow squadron family.*

REMINDER: Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron is an all-volunteer squadron, and the quantity and quality of activities are only as good as the members who attend and volunteer their ideas, time & knowledge. There are already lots of activities, mini cruises, holiday cruises, rendezvous, lunches, mystery dinners and member dinner meetings on the calendar. Still to come are more educational classes, land activities and on the water activities. Help me create a boating season schedule that is fun, educational, and relaxing for all by sending me your ideas as well as areas you would be willing to showcase your talents and knowledge by volunteering to lead (or assist) a cruise, float, picnic, docktail, popup, etc.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the monthly dinner meetings which this season will be at various venues until we find one that works for us. Always remember that giving back to an organization like PRSPS through volunteering will provide you with many fond and fulfilling memories for years to come.

*There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be!
Peace and prosperity to you, your family, and all that you own.*



Check out America's Boating Channel for the 2023 Life Jacket Video Contest Winners. Some pretty cool videos! Just aim you phone cameral at the picture of the QR code, then click the link that pops up. It'll take you straight to the videos.





THE COFFER

(Classifieds)

Flotsam

Items floating in the sea that can be claimed by the owner or bought by the finder if owner agrees. (Items For Sale)

This new area of the newsletter will be dedicated to member treasures that are ready to find new homes and are FOR SALE. Please send pictures (optional), description, \$\$\$ & contact information to prspeditor@gmail.com to be included in future issues of True Readings.



2019 Yamaha WaveRunner EX Deluxe
With trailer. Single owner. 70 hours on the engine. 3 passenger, 1049 CC, 3 cylinder, 4 stroke, fuel injection, 13 gallon fuel capacity. \$8,500

SOLD!

This boat and trailer combination are being offered well below current market value at \$15,500 so if you are interested, contact Dave or Kathy before it's gone! They can be reached at 425-466-0033 or davkathr55@gmail.com See Vessel Spotlight for more on this beauty!



SOLD!

Jetsam

Items floating in the sea that are FREE to the finder unless owner claims it. (Freebies)

This new area of the newsletter will be dedicated to member treasures that are ready to find new homes and are FREE. Please send pictures (optional), description, & contact information to prspeditor@gmail.com to be included in future issues of True Readings.



Boatswain

In charge of keeping the ship in shape. (Services)

This new area of the newsletter will be dedicated to member SERVICES. If you have a service that could benefit our members (or the community) please send description of services available & contact information to prspeditor@gmail.com to be included in future issues of True Readings.

SEWING SERVICES

Small sewing & canvas repair services. Beginners looking to gain experience. VERY good prices as we learn this new trade. Contact Michelle Beatty to discuss details. 717-387-1315

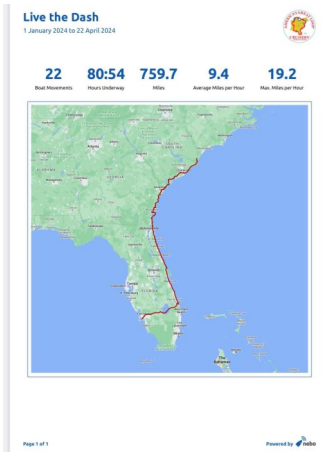
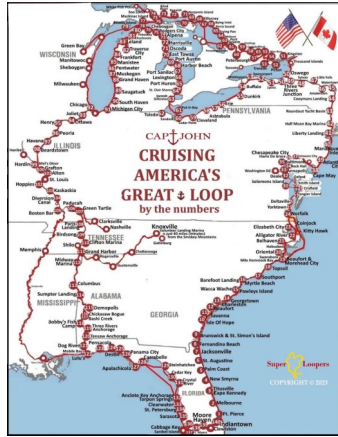
Dive & Handyman Services

Contact Ron Tucker @ 443-624-3012



Meet the Bohonek family as they Live The Dash On America's Great Loop!

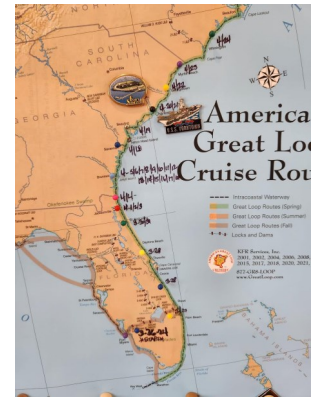
Monday May 13 @ 1730 at Hidden Harbor Café located at Calvert Marina in Solomon's.



Come learn about Jordan, Emily, Mary, Lauren, Reed & Sherman's adventures that started in Ft. Myer's Florida at the end of March 2024 on their journey around America's Great Loop. It's only been 2 months by boy do they have some stories to tell already!

Weather permitting we will get to hear of their "Dash" to get this far north in just 2 months. If by chance they get delayed, we will still meet for dinner at Hidden Harbor Café. Watch for email updates.

Feel free to follow "Live the Dash" on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/share/27NpFPXfRWi6byiP/?mibextid=adz071>



Seating is limited so first 13 to RSVP get a spot. We will be sitting outside under the roof on the picnic tables.

Please RSVP to prpseditor@gmail.com



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

-Southern Maryland

Saturday May 18th – Sunday May 19th
at West Marine Solomons

**“Boat Maryland”
Course on Responsible Boating**

Approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and recognized by the USCG

Certificate of Boating Safety Education will be issued with completion

(\$30pp/\$25 for additional family members)

Registration required (limited seats)

Call: 240-561-8910

Email: educationofficer@abcsomd.org





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.

Summer Cruise

Chesapeake Bay
19-25 Jul

Summer Council/Rendezvous

Safe Harbor Zanhizers/Spring Cove Marina
25-28 Jul, 2024, 1900

USPS Governing Board

Pittsburgh, PA
22-30 Sep

<https://mailchi.mp/02e4bdf69b8c/annual-meeting-registration-now-open-2955782?e=f83401540c>

Fall Conference

Maritime Institute
7-10 Nov



District 5 Commander

D/C Robert S. Blevins, AP

2024 Summer Council/Rendezvous

The upcoming Summer Council/Rendezvous at Solomon Island is 25 -28 July. We are working with two marinas and one hotel. Safe Harbors Zahnizers (410-326-2166) is our host marina with Spring Cove (410-326-2161) contributing. Slips are going fast as well as the block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express (240-237-1463). On all reservations, mention you are with the United States Power Squadron Summer Rendezvous for the discounted rate).

Plans are underway for on-the-water training for the IN course, First Aid Course, Sail Regatta and Power Boat navigation contests, land Geo locations and scavenger hunts, games on Friday night with prizes given out at the Saturday banquet. Chief Commander Ralph Benard is leading a southbound cruise to Solomon's and Jim Zeigler from ABC Richmond is leading a northbound cruise from the lower parts of the Bay to Solomons. Looks like there will be a good turn out. Let's be ready to welcome our District Squadrons to our home here in Solomon's, MD. Get on the water, and have a great time!

The Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron is officially hosting the District Summer Council and Rendezvous 25-28 July for 2024 at Solomons Island. We need all members of the Patuxent River Power and Sail Squadron to turn out and greet the other Squadrons coming by boat and car to the Rendezvous. See your Squadron Commander as to what you can help with. As of now, we have approximately 25 boats coming to both marinas and the hotel is filling up. We need your support to make this the Rendezvous to remember!

Be Sure to check out the Summer 2024 Mark 5 Newsletter for a wonderful tribute to Marty Lafferty, R.I.P. Sir.

Access the Summer 2024 Mark 5 Newsletter at <https://www.uspsd5.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf>



**UNITED STATES SAIL & POWER SQUADRONS
DISTRICT 5
SUMMER RONDEZVOUS 25-28 JULY 2024**

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THURSDAY: 25 JULY

0800-2000 ARRIVAL AT SOLOMON'S ISLAND:

HOST MARINA: SAFE HARBORS ZANHINERS; 245 C ST. SOLOMONS, MD. 20688 TELE: 410 326 2166

DOCKAGE ALSO AVAIL AT SPRING COVE, 455 LORE RD, SOLOMONS, MD 20688 TELE: 410326-2161

BRING FOLDING CHAIRS IF POSSIBLE

FRIDAY: 26 JULY

DRESS CODE: DISTRICT & SQUADRON SHIRTS

0800-1600 REGISTRATION, RAFFLE TICKETS, ETC. AT ZAHNISER TENT

0800-1630 SCAVERGER HUNT ISLAND WALKABOUT

0800-1630 GEO HUNT ISLAND WALKABOUT

0800-1100 SOLOMONS ISLAND WALK ABOUT

0800-1130 1st AID COURSE @ SPRING COVE MARINA ROOM (SIGN UP REQ'ED)

0800-1600 ON THE WATER TRAINING FOR IN/CN (SIGN UP REQ'ED)

0900-1100 ARTS & CRAFTS ZAHNISERS ROOM/TENT

1100-1400 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1400-1630 SOLOMONS/CHESAPEAKE BAY MUSEUM TOUR / WALK ABOUT

1630-1800 COMMANDER'S RECEPTION UNDER THE TENT (AIDES BRING MUNCHIES)

1800- 1930 DINNER ON YOUR OWN

1930-2100 GAMES UNDER THE TENT

SATURDAY: 27 JULY

DRESS CODE: UNIFORM "D" FOR FLAG RAISING

AFTER FLAG RAISING: DISTRICT/ SQUADRON SHIRTS

0700-0800 COFFEE, BAGELS, DONUTS UNDER THE TENT

0800-0900 REGISTRATION , RAFFLE TICKETS.

0900-1000 FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT ZAHNISERS MARINA FLAG POLE

1000-1100 COUNCIL MEETING AT ZAHNISERS TENT

1100-1200 VIMS UPDATE (RICH LAFFERTY)

1200-1330 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN/HOT DOG STAND FOR CONTEST BOAT FOLKS

1200-1300 SAIL REGATTA SKIPPERS MEETING

1300-1730 SAIL REGATTA

1200-1300 POWER BOAT NAVIGATION SKIPPERS MEETING

1300-1730 POWER BOAT NAVIGATION CONTEST

1700-1830 COMMANDER'S RECEPTION

1800-2200 AWARDS BANQUET (HOSTED BY MISSION BBQ, ETC.)

SUNDAY: 28 JULY

DRESS CODE: CASUAL TRAVEL

0800- ?? DEPART FOR HOME

HOSTED BY: PATUXENT RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON (ABC SOUTHERN MD.)



United States Power Squadrons/District 5
America's Boating Club – Mid-Atlantic



2024 Summer Council
RESERVATION FORM
25-28 July 2024
Solomons Island, Maryland

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
ADDRESS _____
SQUADRON _____ POSITION _____ FIRST TIMER? _____
E-Mail _____ PHONE _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank ____ Name _____ Grade _____ FIRST TIMER? _____
Rank ____ Name _____ Grade _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

REGISTRATION FEE # _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY BUFFET:

Mission Barbecue: Adults # _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____
Sliced Brisket, Pulled Chicken Child 7-17 # _____ @ \$ 5.00 = \$ _____
Baked Beans, Baked Cheesy Potatoes Child 6 + Under N/C
Sliders/Cornbread
Desserts. Drinks

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Meal Reservations must be received by 13 July 2024!

Make Checks Payable to: **Patuxent River Power Squadron**

Send to:
Lenore Blevins
46135 River Hill Road
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Dress Codes: Friday - Squadron Shirts; Saturday
Flag Raising: Uniform D; Saturday Dinner:
Squadron/District Shirts

MAKE SLIP RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH
MARINA – Safe Harbor Zahnisers Marina (410) 326-2166;
Spring Cove Marina (410) 326-2161
Holiday Inn Express (240) 237-1444; mention
USPS D/5 Summer Rendezvous



SUMMER RENDEZVOUS PLANS

Reservations need to be made now at the marinas and hotel to insure your spots for 25 thru 28 July at Solomons Island. The island is a hot sport between New York and Florida thus boating groups are making their reservations now. We need to do the same. We blocked a bunch of slips at the following marinas but the marinas are concerned about holding them as other groups are calling in for these same slips...(I have my slip) You must identify as "a member of the District 5 Summer Rendezvous" for a slip.

1. Safe Harbors Zahnisers; Dock Master is Dave Lipscomb at 410-326-2166 (host marina) // dlipscomb@shmarinas.com
2. Spring Cove Marina; Master is Addison Bishop; 410-326-2161 // Addison.bishop@springcovemarina.com
3. Both marinas have fuel, bars, pools and are full service marinas

IF you are driving; rooms are blocked at the Holiday Inn Express (240-237-1444) in California, Md. south across the bridge, left down RT 235 approx. 1 mile. They also are going fast because of the local Navy Base, thus please reserve soonest. We have a special rate but when the rooms are spoken for....good luck! You must identify as "a member of the District 5 Summer Rendezvous " to get the discounted rate. The motel is beside a group of shops, restaurants, bars and has a gym and pool. All the motels in Solomons Island are booked solid for this weekend thru we are across the bridge. Rendezvous information will be coming out later. You gotta act soon before its' too late!

CC Elect Ralph Bernard is hosting a northern cruise to Solomon's from Baltimore and Jim Zeigler is hosting the southern Bay cruise to Solomon's Island. Please join up...

4. If you have problems, please call:
5. Bob Blevins 301-481-1408
6. Lenore Blevins at 240-434-3178

Don't forget....

Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron may be hosting the Summer Rendezvous but Members STILL need to register and reserve a slip if you are bringing your boat over to join in. Be sure to read all deadlines and get your registration, slip and meals taken care of before the deadlines.

Editor's Message

Michelle Beatty

Welcome to True Readings!

In our newsletters you will find 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 may 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 "Maintenance Spotlight". Our last newsletter had "Member Vessels" and "Member Adventures". 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, sail, power or paddle). 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.

We are looking for more "Classified" type items for Sale, Free or Services to list for our members to find in "The Coffin" Please help us grow our newsletter to be of great value for our members and the general public who might be reading it.

"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, all questions should be sent to this address. ~ Lt Michelle Beatty, Editor

Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ~ Psalms 37:3 (NIV)

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Fun Facts

Boaters sound their horns in unison at 5 p.m. to signal the commencement of the cocktail hour!

CHEERS!

If you would like to become a member of Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron, please email Michelle Beatty @ prpseditor@gmail.com or just show up to one of our meetings and we will get you signed up.

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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!