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## Commander's Message



March is a time of transition on the Eastern Shore. We've seen the last of the snows (we hope) and the start of the early birds that tell us warmer weather is just around the corner. For the Squadron, we're halfway between our Founders' Day election of the next Bridge and our 28<sup>th</sup> Change of Watch ceremony and dinner where that new Bridge will be installed by D/5 Officers.

For many of us it's also time to start planning for the boating season, getting our gear in order and our minds around where we'll go on the water this year. Since we're still in our "off season," now is the time to take advantage of the Education Department's offerings of our Seminar Series. These 2-3 hour seminars provide just the updates needed to scrape off the rust from the winter months on topics that will inform and assist you during the summer season. See our web site and the Calendar of Events on page 5 for the dates and locations.

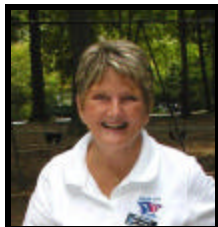
For those of you who weren't able to attend our Founders' Day Brunch, you'll be happy to learn that we now have a full Bridge to carry us through the next 12 months. Judy Prange, P, will be our Commander; Jim Bergold, AP, our Executive Officer; Wally Stevenson, AP, our Educational Officer; Bob Millikin, P, our Administrative Officer; Terry West, AP, our Secretary; and Pete Fox, AP, our Treasurer. These members and the Committee Chairs in their Departments (all experienced Squadron volunteers) will provide excellent leadership for us and I look forward to an active and enjoyable year for our Squadron.

As I noted in the last Sandbar, it's been an active and successful year. Our finances are sound, our education and safety programs continue to address the needs of the local recreational boaters, and our social events drew a large proportion of our membership. We can look forward to another banner year starting next month. Information and registration for the Change of Watch is on page 7.

This is my last article as Commander so I want to thank all my Officers and our membership for a great year, for your contributions, and for the privilege of serving you. I hope and expect that you will provide the new Bridge with even more support than you provided this year. See you on the water. I'll be flying my "Past Commander" flag.

**Cdr Fred F. Stiehl, P**

## Executive Officer's Report



As the 2007 Bridge year draws to a close, I have been looking back over the Executive Officer's activities. We have been busy – and successful – thanks to all of you who volunteered.

In the spring we cleaned up Pintail Park. The many workers raked leaves and picked up branches, leaving the park looking ready for another summer season.

P/C Joan Watt, AP, led a very successful season of Vessel Safety Checks. Her team of 19 examiners checked a grand total of 277 vessels. P/C Bill Killinger, P, our Safety Officer, has led the Squadron in getting our message out by representing us at various Worcester County safety programs, in addition to his articles in the Sandbar Soundings.

Lt Linda Zaretsky, AP, our public relations officer, has insured that Squadron events were advertised throughout Ocean Pines and in local newspapers. Our entry in the Ocean Pines boat parade had much viewer approval but didn't bring home a prize. Lt Dan McGrath, AP, and his crew, all wearing PFDs, had a fun day encouraging everyone to "Just Wear It".

Our NOAA Co-Op charting program was somewhat hampered this year due to not having some of the necessary electronic equipment, but OCPS was again among the top squadrons in attendance at the D/5 NOAA workshop in Norfolk.

Our final event for this bridge year was the Ocean City Boat Show. P/C Tony Curro, AP, and his team of workers ran a very successful booth. We were able to put out the message of our organization as well as advertise our boating courses.

As I look forward to the new bridge year, I know I can trust in our members to continue to step up to make OCPS an organization of which we all can be proud.

Hope to see you at Change of Watch.

**Lt/C Judy Prange, P**  
**Lt Nelson Prange, P**

## Educational Officer's Message



The 2008 boating season is rapidly coming upon us. Please consider taking one of our popular seminars. We are offering all four of the seminars, beginning in March and ending in April. The first one, the ever-popular

"USING GPS" seminar, starts on 5 March. Then we will be offering "HOW TO USE A CHART," "USING VHF/DSC MARINE RADIO," and "ON-BOARD WEATHER FORECASTING". These seminars will be held in the OPA meeting room #1, next to the North fire station. These seminars are invaluable to those of you who are on the water during the boating season. Check the OCPS web site for the dates of these seminars.

The "BOAT SMART" class, for the public and squadron members, is under way at the Stephen Decatur Middle School, taught by P/C Wally Stevenson, AP, assisted by several of our experienced Power Squadron members. This popular course which satisfies the state requirement of a boating safety course for all boaters born after 1972 is always well attended by the public. This course is also highly recommended for new and inexperienced boaters.

As usual, our Educational Department is requesting that you contact us if you are interested in any of the USPS courses. These courses are listed on our OCPS web site, [www.ocpowersquadron.org](http://www.ocpowersquadron.org). Please review the list, and let us know what you are interested in. Also, if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

**Lt/C Tim Mullin, P**



P/C Wally Stevenson, AP, assisted by Lt Jan Stevenson, P, conducted a boating safety course which was given to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company

## Administrative Officer's Report



Here we are at the beginning of March with the thought in our minds of warm breezes and putting our boats in the briny blue waters of the bay. Hopefully we'll have an earlier spring than last year. The Founders' Day brunch went extremely well. The food and libations were excellent and D/5 Lt/C Ralph Bernard joined us with his lovely wife, Nance, to break bread and bring greetings from District 5. We all had a chance to meet new members Duke and Mary Pantos who joined us for their first meeting. It was nice to see that everyone who attended enjoy the festivities.

The Boat Show activities organized by P/C Tony Curro, AP, and manned by our capable volunteers went very smoothly. The OC Power Squadron table had a significant amount of activity. Thanks to Tony and his crew for all of their effort. One thing new that I found out from P/C Wally Stevenson's conversation with a DNR Police Officer was that a person can drive a boat at any age providing they have a Boating Safety Course Certificate, whereas we thought that you had to be at least 12 years of age. The big "but" is that to be a driver of a boat towing a water skier or the observer of the skier, one has to be at least 12. This was a distinction that has been somewhat confusing because of differing interpretations. A personal watercraft operator must be at least 16 years of age. The new boats at the show made my mouth water!

We have several seminars coming up in March and April that appear to be drawing significant interest. They are: Using GPS on 5 March, How to Read a Chart on 12 March, On-Board Weather Forecasting, on 19 March, and VHS/VHS/DSC Radio on 2 April. They will all be held in meeting room 1 next to the North fire house. The D/5 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will take place the last weekend of March. We will have a hospitality suite on the 28 March and need your help. As I have previously stated, these are good meetings to attend. Check the District newsletter or website at [www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org) to get the schedule. Don't leave your checklist to prepare your boat for the coming boating season until the last minute. Otherwise, you'll be up the creek without a propeller. Guess who doesn't have his new propeller yet?

**Lt/C Jim Bergold, AP**

## Safety Officer's Message



The 25<sup>th</sup> Seaside Boat Show in Ocean City has ended and the Ocean City Power Squadron distributed a lot of safe boating materials to attendees. As usual, the local tide charts that we produce were the most asked for items.

A recent interview of the commander and educational officer in local papers was well done and explained USPS and OCPS.

Some experts are predicting much more hurricane activity in the next 20 years compared to past years. These experts fear that after a number of storm-free years people in vulnerable areas will be less wary of a storm's potential (BoatUS 7/06). Boat owners should develop a preparation plan by starting to look at your dock contract for language that may require you to take certain steps or to leave the marina when a hurricane threatens. Plan where your boat will best survive a storm. The damage of high water or storm surge is often underestimated. Surge ac-

counts for the major damage because it puts docks and dockline arrangements under water as the boat tries to float. Wind speeds can cause damage to rigging, canvas and deck gear. Rainfall can fill the cockpit and cabin of boats above the capability of the bilge pump.

BoatUS has some suggestions as how to secure your boat to either a fixed dock or a floating dock. Check out [www.boatus.com/hurricanes](http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes). Our own OCPS website also has some very good material on hurricane protection.

**P/C Bill Killinger, P**

## Good & Welfare



This winter has been a rough one for several of our members. Our condolences are extended to Nelson and Judy Prange. Nelson's mother passed away in the beginning of February and then his sister's husband died after a battle with pancreatic cancer a short time later. By the time

you read this the Pranges will hopefully be recharging their batteries in Florida.

We learned via the Community Church newsletter that Barbara and Jim Duke have both undergone surgery during their winter sojourn in Florida. We wish them both a speedy recovery and look forward to their return in the spring. Another post-surgical member is Martie Waldron. She had her right knee replaced in January. By now she is, hopefully, progressing in her rehabilitation.

Tony Curro, a beloved past commander, is scheduled to undergo carotid artery surgery in the beginning of March. Our wishes for a successful surgery and a rapid recovery are with him.

In the GOOD NEWS department, congratulations to our Circulation Manager, Margaret Lamphier, who was recently installed as Co-Vice President of the Ocean Pines Garden Club.

We now have our first Apprentice Members: John Reitz and Caitlin Weiss. The Apprentice program of the USPS is for young people between the ages of 12 and 23. John and Caitlin are the grandnephew and grandniece of Stf/C Lou Reitz, AP, who sponsored their membership. They both live on the Western Shore, but we look forward to seeing them on raft-ups and at various social gatherings this summer.

Happy Birthday to our members listed on page 6, and Happy Spring to us all!

**Lt Jeanne Stiehl, S**

### District and National News



Stf/C Louis M. Reitz, AP, was in Dallas, TX, attending the United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting at press time. Look for his report of the meeting in the next issue of this publication.



### D/5 Summer Rendezvous and Council

17-20 July 2008

Baltimore Inner Harbor Marine Center

For Schedule of Events and registration information go to [www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org)

It's not too early to get one of these.



Call P/C Joan Watt, AP, to arrange a Vessel Safety Check!  
410-208-2747

# Roster Corrections

If any of your information needs to be changed, please fill out the form below and mail to:

Cdr Fred Stiehl, P  
50 Newport Drive  
Ocean Pines, MD 21811 or  
E-mail: [stiehl@mchsi.com](mailto:stiehl@mchsi.com)

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Port: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

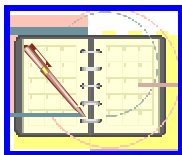
Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Calendar of Events

### Mar

- 05 Public Safe Boating Seminar "Using GPS"  
Meeting Room 1 - North Fire House  
Time: 1900-2100 Cost: \$25  
Lt/C Jim Bergold, AP 410-208-3975
- 12 Public Safe Boating Seminar "How to Read a Chart"  
Meeting Room 1 - North Fire House  
Time: 1900-2100 Cost: \$25  
Lt/C Jim Bergold, AP 410-208-3975
- 14 EXCOM Meeting  
Ocean Pines Library  
Time: 0930  
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 19 Public Safe Boating Seminar "On-Board Weather Forecasting"  
Meeting Room 1 - North Fire House  
Time: 1900-2100 Cost: \$30  
Lt/C Jim Bergold, AP - 410-208-3975
- 20 General Membership Meeting  
Ocean Pines Country Club  
Time: 1900  
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 27-30 D/5 Spring Conference & Change of Watch  
Princess Royale Hotel  
91st St. & Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD  
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 28 Visit our Hospitality Room at the D/5 Spring Conference  
Room 223, Princess Royale Hotel  
Time: 1900-2200  
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535

### Apr

- 02 Public Safe Boating Seminar "Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radios"  
Meeting Room 1 - North Fire House  
Time: 1900-2100 Cost: \$25  
Lt/C Jim Bergold, AP 410-208-3975
- 11 EXCOM Meeting  
Ocean Pines Library  
Time: 0930  
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 18 Change of Watch Dinner  
Clarion Resort  
101st & Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD  
Time: 1800 - Cocktails  
1900 - Dinner  
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535

### May

- 02-03 NOAA Co-Op Charting Workshop  
Norfolk, VA  
Lt John Wyrwal, P 410-208-9695  
Lt Dan McGrath, AP 410-641-5570
- 09 EXCOM Meeting  
Ocean Pines Library  
Time: 0930  
Cdr Judy Prange, P 410-641-5261
- 15 General Membership Meeting  
Ocean Pines Country Club  
Time: 1900  
Cdr Judy Prange, P 410-641-5261
- 17-23 Safe Boating Week

Be sure to check our  
website at  
[www.ocpowersquadron.org](http://www.ocpowersquadron.org) for our  
most up-to-date  
Calendar of Events.

### SUPPLY OFFICER STILL NEEDED!

The position of Supply Officer (Ship's Store) is still vacant. **Please consider volunteering!** Will Train! Call Cdr Fred Stiehl, P - 410-641-6535.

# Happy Birthday!



<b>Mar</b>	09	Mike Zaia	
01	Sharon Hunt	10	Lynn Matricciani
04	Patti Payes	10	Joane Wolpin
06	Tony Curro	14	Bela Gulyas
08	Jim Duke	16	Pat Gulyas
14	Gail Schrenk	17	Angie Raper
14	Ginny Rush	18	Noreen Bergold
14	Jere Hodges	20	Sis LeGates
15	Ed Fleming	21	Jim Walls
16	Duke Pantos	30	Martie Waldron
18	Joleen Killinger		
18	Joan David		
19	Doris Lloyd		
20	Tom Quinn		
23	Betsy Albaugh		
31	Ellen Wentzel		
<b>Apr</b>			
01	Mary Boyd		
07	Neil Knight		
07	Carol Rosen		
09	Renee Fox		



## ROSTER UPDATE

### New Members

**Angelo "Duke" & Mary Pantos**  
 709 Laurel Avenue  
 Ocean City, MD 21842  
 410-250-2629  
 dukesis@verizon.net

**Carl Littleton**  
 16 Marina Park Drive  
 Frankford, DE 19945  
 302-541-8310  
 c.littleton@mchsi.com

**John Reitz**  
 1300 Buckhorn Road  
 Sykesville, MD 21784  
 410-549-7485

**Caitlin Weiss**  
 219 Woodbine Court  
 Forest Hill, MD 21050

### Correction

**Christel (not Christal) Gift's new address is in Coplay, PA (not Clopay).**

## TV PROGRAM

The Ocean City Power Squadron effort to provide used televisions to needy patients in the Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is an ongoing one. If you have an extra TV, please consider donating it to this worthy cause. Contact the activities department at the Center (410-641-4400) for further information. Identify yourself as an OCPS member and contact Terry West, AP, at twest@prosxn.com to inform her of your donation.

## F. Y. I.

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# Ocean City Power Squadron Change of Watch

Friday, 18 April 2008

Clarion Resort Hotel  
101st Street & Coastal Highway, Ocean City

Time: 1800 Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres  
1900 Dinner



\$37.00  
per Person

Price includes one  
free alcoholic  
beverage of your  
choice

Menu  
Choice of:

Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus  
Orange Roughy with Chef's Choice Sauce  
Vegetarian  
With:  
Garden Salad  
Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetables  
Rolls and Butter  
Assorted Mini Desserts  
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Following the  
ceremonies, we  
will migrate  
upstairs to the  
Ocean Front  
Horizon's Lounge  
and celebrate by  
dancing to  
live music

\*\*\* Please respond by 7 April 2008 to:\*\*\*

Cdr Fred F. Stiehl, P  
50 Newport Drive  
Ocean Pines, MD 21811  
410-641-6535  
Make check payable to **OCPS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib of Beef      Orange Roughy      Vegetarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib of Beef      Orange Roughy      Vegetarian

# Founders' Day Brunch



Cdr Fred Stiehl, P, conducts the "business" portion of the Founders' Day observance.



D/Lt/C Ralph Bernard, P, (left) representing District 5, with Cdr Fred Stiehl, P.



P/C Bill Killinger, P; Bonnie Curro; and P/C Tony Curro, AP, enjoy the event



Lt/C Judy Prange, P; Lt Nelson Prange, P; Lt John Wyrwal, P; and Lynn Matricciani smile for the camera.

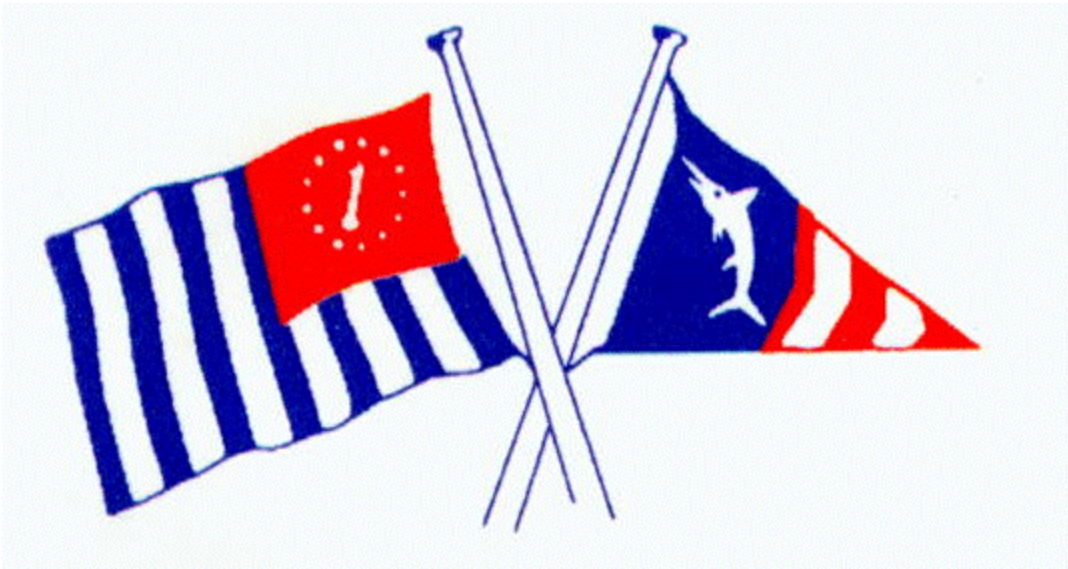


Joan Mullin; Margaret Lamphier, P; Lt Dan McGrath, AP; and Penny McGrath, S enjoy the beautiful view from the top of the Golden Sands.



The "spread" was FANTASTIC!

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