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Commander's Message



Summer is **really** here. As I write this, the temperature is in the high 90s. This time of year brings frequent afternoon thunderstorms on the back bays so be particularly mindful of the weather if you are at the beach or out on your boat. Of course, taking our "On-board Weather" seminar will give you all the weather "predicting" skills you'll need to stay safe.

This is also the time when we gather the information necessary to prepare the Squadron Roster. Please look at your 2009-2010 Roster and send in any changes (phone number, e-mail address, boat information) using the form found on page 7. It's also not too late to put in a personal booster ad (see page 8) which will both support the Squadron and express your message.

We've just completed our membership renewal season and I want to thank all of you who renewed for your continued support of the Squadron. I hope to see most of you either on the water, in one of our classes or seminars, or at one of our "on land" events this summer and fall. For those of you who are getting this edition, but have not yet renewed, please reconsider so you can continue to receive all the many social and educational benefits of OCPS and USPS membership. We also have a large number of new members to the Squadron so please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome them as you meet during our summer events.

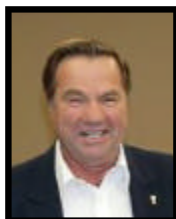
One of our Delaware members, Carl Littleton, recently completed the Captain's course at DELTEC and will be getting his Master's license shortly. Congratulations, Carl! This is quite an achievement (and a resource for the Squadron)!

Don't forget to consider attending the D/5 Summer Rendezvous, August 12-15 in Solomons, MD near historic St. Mary's City. While this is a great opportunity to see how the District plans and manages its programs for the year, it's also an excuse to take a mini-vacation at a major Chesapeake Bay destination on the "western shore."

Finally, I look forward to seeing you as a captain or guest on our "Christmas in July" raft-up on 23 July. Call me if you plan on bringing your boat or if you would like to "crew" on someone else's boat. We have room for all.

Cdr Frederick F. Stiehl, P

Executive Officer's Message



The OCPS annual Spaghetti dinner is one of our major fundraisers. Although we do not yet have a scheduled date, the event will take place in October. I encourage everyone to periodically check the Event Calendar on our Web Page, and to volunteer. We need your help.

The mission of the Vessel Safety Check Program is to "minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and environmental impact while maximizing the safe use and enjoyment of U.S. waterways by recreational boaters. The Vessel Safety Check process is one of prevention through education, outreach and volunteer compliance helping recreational boaters to gain a respect for the boating environment."

Since 2001, OCPS Vessel Safety Examiners have participated in this important program performing courtesy checks on watercraft and awarding VSC Decals to those boaters in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. OCPS had consistently placed 2nd or 3rd in District 5 for total VSCs performed, but for the past three years we have been 1st!

I am happy to report that, according to P/C Joan Watt, AP, Chairman of the Vessel Safety Check Program, as of the end of June, we are 20 VSCs ahead of where we were this time last year. Hopefully, OCPS will again be able to take 1st place in District 5 at the end of 2010 as Vessel Safety Examiners continue to help boaters by completing VSCs throughout the rest of the boating season.

Call Joan Watt at 410-208-2747 to arrange to have your boat inspected. Have a safe and fun-filled summer.

P/C Antonino G. Curro, AP

Educational Officer's Message



Once again the summer is upon us and so is the 2010 boating season. The Education Department is a beehive of activities offering boating courses and seminars to its members, as well as to the public, to get ready for a safe and enjoyable boating season.

The "Engine Maintenance" course was completed just in time for its graduates to apply their new skills in preparing their vessels for the boating season. Many thanks to Van Caffi for being the instructor of the course and for once again opening his shop to the class, showing his students the ins and outs of a boat engine first hand.

Participants in the "Partners in Command" seminar,

given by P/C Judy Prange, P, can feel more at ease going out on the water knowing that, should the captain of the boat become incapacitated and the need arise to step in, they will know what to do to take the boat and passengers to port safely.

Speaking of safe boat handling, we had a large turnout for the "Boat Handling under Power" seminar taught very ably by P/C Tony Smith, AP. I can also report that I have begun conducting the "Seamanship" advanced course and it is progressing well.

The Education Department aims to meet the needs of those who are looking for more boating information and education this summer. Once again, I conducted the "How to Read a Chart" seminar for those who wanted to know more about all of the information that can be found on a chart and how to use one while navigating. The chart is your link with the GPS via its grid scale, compass rose, and distance scales. We owe many thanks to Tom Quinn, AP, who gave the seminar on "Using GPS." At least one more summer seminar is under consideration on "Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio." Stay tuned for further notice.

We are considering offering the "Piloting" advanced course this fall. We need at least four people to make it worth the instructors' effort to prepare these lessons. It will last ten weeks. We must decide whether or not to offer this course by 1 August. If you are considering taking this course, please call me at 410-208-9747 before that date.

I would be remiss not to mention the role your Assistant Educational Officer has taken in all of these programs. P/C Jim Bergold, AP, works quietly in the background, but he provides invaluable support on the day-to-day running of the entire curriculum. Thank you, Jim, for being a lifesaver in times of need.

I feel an urgency to mention this again. The Education Department needs new instructors in order to be able to provide a well-rounded curriculum. Even if you do not have previous teaching experience, please consider working with us on our educational programs. We will give you training if it is needed. If you already have teaching or public speaking experience, you have an excellent start. Please contact me (410-208-9747) or Jim Bergold (410-208-3975) to discuss your future on the Education Department faculty.

Remember, all of our courses and seminars are now open to the public. Tell your friends.

Lt/C Bela J. Gulyas, AP

Administrative Officer's Message



Summer is here! The first raft up was a success, having both good weather and a sizeable turnout (seven boats with 34 souls on board). All Squadron members, boat owners or not, should try to get involved in at least one summer season raft up and enjoy the High Life on the water.

Develop an interest and call either me at 410-208-6486, or the raft-up coordinator, Lt Nelson Prange, P, at 410-641-5261.

Kudos to both Bonnie Curro and Lynn Matricciani for their selection of "Seacrets" as the location of the festive Blessing of the Fleet celebration. It was a refreshing change and a great success.

The Chincoteague overnight cruise, Sunday, 27 June, and Monday, 28 June, was again centered at the beautiful Waterside Inn. Six boats made the trip and a total of 42 folks enjoyed the Sunday night buffet at Don's Seafood Restaurant (including dancing to a DJ). Chairman of the event was P/C Tony Smith, AP. Great job, Tony.

The Calendar of Events for July and August has four raft-ups scheduled. See our web site for details (www.ocpowersquadron.org). One thing you will find, in addition to all Squadron info, is that we need Captains for the 27 August and the 17 September raft-ups. Step up and be Captain for a day. Boat ownership is not required. Captains are not limited to the male gender.

Just a mention at this time of the September and October events. Our annual picnic, a September social, presently needs not only a specific date, but also, more importantly, a number of volunteers to help bring it to a reality. In addition, the all-important fundraiser, the Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for October and volunteers are also needed. Call me (410-208-6486) to help out. Details about these events will be in the next issue of this newsletter and on our web site.

Lt/C James G. Rorke, AP

Safety Report



In addition to boating safety, this month we thought that safety should be directed to the beach as many of us and our families will be swimming in the ocean.

Each year NOAA, in an effort to heighten public awareness of rip currents at surf beaches, has designated the first full week of June as national Rip Current Awareness Week, coinciding with the traditional start of the summer vacation season.

Rip currents are water moving away from shore. The strongest rip currents can attain speeds reaching 8 feet

per second; this is faster than an Olympic swimmer can sprint! On average, more people die every year from rip currents than from shark attacks, tornadoes or lightning. According to the United States Lifesaving Association, 80 percent of surf beach rescues are attributed to rip currents, and more than 100 people die annually from drowning in rip currents

When at the beach:

- Whenever possible, **swim at a lifeguard-protected beach.**
- Never swim alone.
- Learn how to swim in the surf. It's not the same as swimming in a pool or lake.
- Be cautious at all times, especially when swimming at unguarded beaches. **If in doubt, don't go out.**
- Obey all instructions and orders from lifeguards. Lifeguards are trained to identify potential hazards. Ask a lifeguard about the conditions before entering the water. This is part of their job.
- Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Permanent rip currents often exist along side these structures.
- Consider using polarized sunglasses when at the beach. They will help you to spot signatures of rip currents by cutting down glare and reflected sunlight off the ocean's surface. Pay especially close attention to children and the elderly when at the beach. Even in shallow water, wave action can cause loss of footing.

If caught in a rip current:

- Remain calm to conserve energy and think clearly.
- Never fight against the current.
- Think of it like a treadmill that cannot be turned off, which you need to step to the side of.
- Swim out of the current in a direction following the shoreline. When out of the current, swim at an angle--away from the current--towards shore.
- If you are unable to swim out of the rip current, float or calmly tread water. When out of the current, swim towards shore. If you are still unable to reach shore, draw attention to yourself by waving your arm and yelling for help.

If you see someone in trouble, don't become a victim too:

- Get help from a lifeguard.
- If a lifeguard is not available, have someone call 9-1-1.
- Throw the rip current victim something that floats--a life-jacket, a cooler, an inflatable ball.
- Yell instructions on how to escape.
- Remember, **many people drown while trying to save someone else from a rip current.**

(This information was taken from the NOAA website www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov/tips)

**Team Zaretsky
(Linda, AP, and Ira, AP)**

Good & Welfare



P/C Chuck Hinz, P, underwent cardiac valve replacement and bypass surgery 8 June. The surgery seemed to be a success and he was home in five days, but he was hospitalized a few days later with pneumonia. Thankfully, he is now home and on the mend.

Jean Rorke underwent successful corrective knee surgery a few weeks ago.

Welcome home to Joane and Ed Wolpin, S, who recently returned from an anniversary cruise to Greece and Italy!

Congratulations to Judy (P/C) and Nelson (Lt) Prange on the birth of their granddaughter, Talia Emily Strauss. The proud parents are the Pranges daughter, Laura, and her husband, Eric.

Our Chincoteague Cruise was a great opportunity to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of our loyal members, Ginny (P) and Dick (AP) Whittaker who joined us from their home port of Weems, VA. Congratulations on reaching such a wonderful milestone!

Condolences have been sent to Duke and Mary Pantos on the death of Mary's father on 6 May. The Squadron also mourns the passing of E. Dean Wilcox, SN, who died in January. Dean was great believer in the principles of the United States Power Squadrons for many years, having achieved Life Member status (awarded 25 merit marks) in 1988. Although Dean moved from Delaware to Minnesota several years ago, he continued to renew his active membership with the Ocean City Power Squadron.

We are glad to add six new members to the roster of OCPS: Keith and Leslie Swanton, Jim and Jane Starr, and John and Linda Lynch. More details on them can be found on page 6. Welcome aboard!

Happy Birthday to all our July and August babies listed on page 7!

Check out our new display cabinet in the OPA Administration Building. It is located to your right as you enter the outer doors. Is there anything in particular you would like to see there? Please call me at 410-641-6535.

Lt Jeanne Stiehl, S



District and National News

USPS National Secretary has reminded all members that access to many of the parts of the National web site (www.usps.org) will

require a password and a personal question and answer. Security is very important to all of us in the world of web space, and even more critically in an organization as large and as responsible as ours. If you have not yet registered and received your password, and, even more so, if you have forgotten the password which you were given a year or so ago with your membership renewal, you should get into the Secretary's Department on the USPS web and register. Directions are there, but if you have any trouble, please contact our web master, P/C Pete Fox, AP, for assistance at 410-208-1108.

Our District 5 Summer Council and Rendezvous will be taking place 12-14 August in Solomons, MD on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. This continues to be a fun time which is not too far away. If you cannot stay overnight in Solomons Island, plan to go on Saturday and witness the flag-raising and the Navigation Contest, and have a great meal afterward. What a great chance to meet some of the other members from the largest District in USPS! And please don't hesitate to let them know what a great squadron we have!

The D/5 Fall Conference will be held in Rockville, MD on 47 November. All squadrons are being asked to donate items to be used as raffle prizes. If you have anything that you would like to donate, contact Lt Jeanne Stiehl, S, at 410-641-6535.

If you come up with any ideas on how make USPS any better, please let those of us know who are going to the National Meeting in Bellvue, WA in September.

Have a great summer!

R/C Louis M. Reitz, AP



R/C Lou Reitz, AP, with his grandnephew, John Karl Reitz, and John's friend, Jason Vidi, at our Blessing of the Fleet.



Calendar of Events

July

- 07 OPBC/OCPS Raft-up
Meet at Day Marker 2
Time: 1700
Please contact Steve Rosen (410-641-6915) if you plan to attend.
- 09 EXCOM Meeting
Ocean Pines Library
Time: 0930
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 23 OCPS "Christmas in July" Raft-up
Meet at Day Marker 2
Time: 1700
Please contact Cdr Fred Stiehl, P (410-641-6535) if you plan to attend.



Aug

- 12 OCPS Raft-up
Meet at Day Marker 2
Time: 1700
Please contact Jack Tellman (410-641-7054) if you plan to attend.
- 12-15 D/5 Summer Rendezvous
Solomons, MD
For information and registration go to www.uspsd5.org.
- 13 EXCOM Meeting
Ocean Pines Library
Time: 0930
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 27 OCPS/OPBC Raft-up
Meet at Day Marker 2
Time: 1700
Captain: TBA



Sept

- 10 EXCOM Meeting
Ocean Pines Library
Time: 0930
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 17 OCPS Raft-up
Meet at Day Marker 2
Time: 1700
Captain: TBA



Be sure to check our
website at
www.ocpowersquadron.org
for our most up-to-date
Event Calendar.

Check it out!

www.ocpowersquadron.org



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2001 Chaparral 230SSI
Volvo Penta 250 Hp I/O

Low Hours, Includes GPS & Many Extras
\$16,000

Call P/C Jim Bergold - 410-208-3975 or
410-725-4715

For Sale

Nor'easter Mooring Whips, Complete
14' poles, fits up to 23' boat

\$225.00

VHF 550 DSC/VHF Marine Radio
Programmable Scanner

\$50.00

Call John Paulus
443-880-3639

New Members!

Please add the following new members to your
2009-2010 Roster:

Keith and Leslie Swanton
10123 Godspeed Drive
Ocean City, MD 21842
443-664-2329

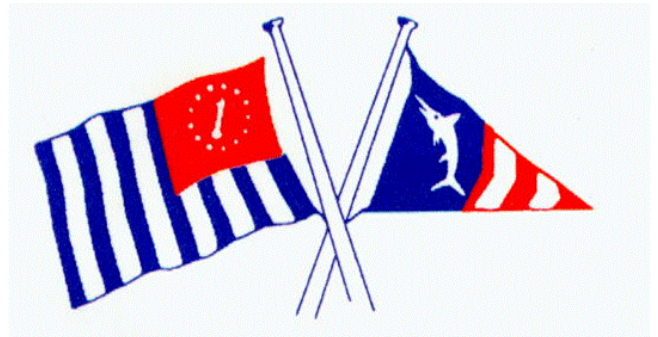
E-mail: swantons@comcast.net

Jim and Jane Starr
26 Harpoon Road
Ocean Pines, MD 21811
410-208-2525

E-mail: jamesestarr@yahoo.com
Boat Info: 20' Carolina Skiff
"My Boy's Toy"

John and Linda Lynch
6321 South Point Road
Berlin, MD 21811
410-641-1023

E-mail: mobfather1@aol.com
Boat Info: 39' Cigarette
23' Hydrasport





Happy Birthday!



July

- 05 Van Caffi
- 05 Kelly Hazzard
- 09 Marian Kirklin
- 10 Michael Potter
- 15 Eileen Salafia
- 17 Jim Starr
- 18 Joan Watt
- 20 Earl Beckwith
- 21 Mike Alpaugh
- 22 Wayland Clogg
- 22 Shirley Washington
- 23 Bill Killinger
- 26 Marilyn Strait
- 26 Joe Jankowski
- 30 Mary Ann Wyrwal
- 31 Ozzie Tashjian

Aug

- 02 Nelson Prange
- 04 Liz Fenton
- 10 Wally Stevenson
- 14 Morton Brown
- 16 Judy Prange
- 24 Mike Tashjian



Roster Update

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

Lt/C Marilyn Strait
 74 Teal Circle
 Ocean Pines, MD 21811
 E-mail: mstraitop@msn.com
 410-208-1836

Member Name(s) _____

Spouse: _____

Grade: _____ Cert. No: _____

Boat Name: _____

Boat Type: _____

Home Port: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____



**Congratulations to
 P/C Wally Stevenson, AP,
 who was the first to correctly
 identify this handsome devil as
 P/C Tony Curro, AP.**

Join the 2010 OCPS Roster Fleet Buy a Booster Today!

The new OCPS Roster is being prepared. If you would like to support the Squadron and have a short message appear along with your name in the new Roster, complete this form, circle the type of example, and send it with a \$10.00 check payable to **OCPS** to:

Marilyn Strait, 74 Teal Circle, Ocean Pines, MD 21811

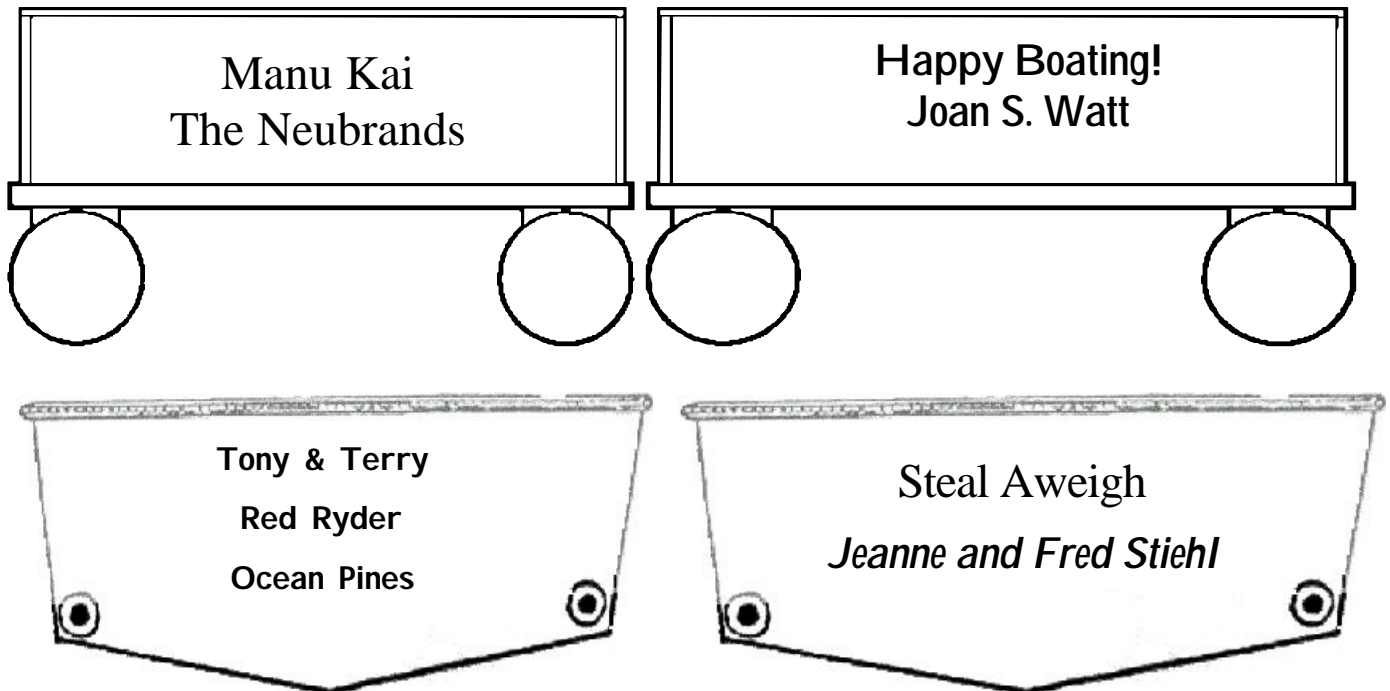
Name(s): _____

Message: _____

(Booster deadline is 15 July 2010)

You don't have to own a boat to do a Booster. Pictures of pets accepted!

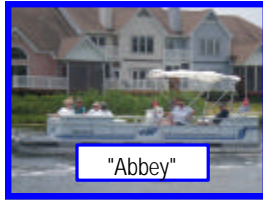
Booster Examples



Blessing of the Fleet



"Red Ryder"



"Abbey"



"Starfish"



R/C Lou Reitz, AP,
conducted the blessing.



...and a good time was had by all!

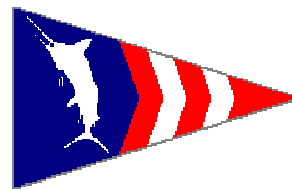
No boat is **truly** ready for the season without one of these.



To arrange to have your boat inspected call
P/C Joan Watt, AP
410-208-2747

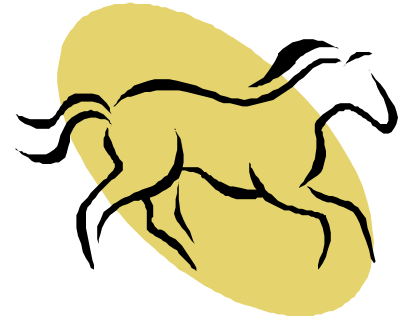
COMING SOON!
OCPS 2010-2011 Roster

Please check your information in the current roster for accuracy (including boat data starting on page 59). Send in corrected information on the form found on page 7.



Plan on attending at least one raft-up!!

Chincoteague Cruise



Arriving at Waterside Inn, Chincoteague.



Securing the fleet..



Enjoying the pool.



Preparing to depart on Monday morning. Bon voyage!

Check our web site for more photos!

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