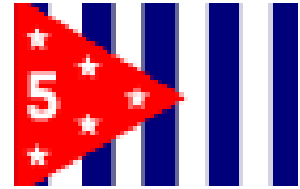




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## 2024 Summer Council & Rendezvous

The D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous at Solomons Island is 25-28 July. There are slips available at two marinas: Zahnisers (410-326-2166) and Spring Cove Marina (410-326-2161). Traveling by land, reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express in California, MD (410-237-1444). Please mention USPS D/5 Summer Rendezvous for a discounted rate.

C/C Ralph Benard, AP is leading the Blevins Boaters cruise from Baltimore to Solomons. Please contact him to join the south bound cruise (609-226-6773; e-mail [rb3513@comcast.net](mailto:rb3513@comcast.net)). P/C Jim Zeigler SN-CN is leading the north bound cruise. Please contact him to join this cruise (804-347-5239; email [jim@ipzeigler.com](mailto:jim@ipzeigler.com)).

If you want to take the on-the-water test for IN/CN while at Solomons, please contact P/C John Torres (240-587-9777; email [seaknightskipper@yahoo.com](mailto:seaknightskipper@yahoo.com) or P/C Jim Zeigler SN-CN (804-347-5239; [jim@ipzeigler.com](mailto:jim@ipzeigler.com)).

If you want to enter the Sail Regatta please contact the following P/D/Cs: Jeff Short (443-756-6784) or Jeff McKinney (301-788-0622).

If you want to enter the power boat Nav Contest, please contact P/D/C Walter Neese (410-598-5292) or P/C John Hall (410-823-5698).

This event will be like an old-time Summer Rendezvous, so please join us for the fun.

V/R  
Cdr Bob



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## Commander's Message

D/C Robert S. Blevins, AP

Hi All,

The Spring Council/Conference/Change of Command recently held in Ocean City was a great success (minus an elevator or two). I am the new District 5 Commander and together with the new D/5 Bridge folks, we hope to make this coming year one to remember.

We need new members and as such, our Squadrons need to approach the boating public via Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs), teaching ABC boating classes, conducting on-the-water training for boaters in their own boats (see your SEOs), joining community activities and flying the Squadron burgee, USPS® Ensign, and wearing your Squadron attire (shirts, etc.) when boating, raft-up's, marinas or out in public so the boating public becomes aware that we represent safe and conscious boaters.

Speaking of VSC awards, we have several members who joined the "Century Club" this last year and were honored at the Change of Watch. This club is for members who have conducted 100 or more VSC's during a year. Let's go for a record this coming year.

Our VIMS project with Dundalk and Northern Neck Squadrons is starting in May, Results will be presented during the Summer Council/Rendezvous 25-28 July at Solomons Island. We presently have over 20 boats planning to attend the rendezvous and its festivities...more later.

Please get out on the water and show the boating public who we are.

V/R  
Bob



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



## UNITED STATES SAIL & POWER SQUADRONS DISTRICT 5 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS 25-28 JULY 2024

### DRAFT SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY: 25 JULY

0800-2000 ARRIVAL AT SOLOMON'S ISLAND:

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

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

BRING FOLDING CHAIRS IF POSSIBLE FOR SATURDAY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY/COUNCIL

#### FRIDAY: 26 JULY

**DRESS CODE: DISTRICT & SQUADRON SHIRTS**

0800-1600 REGISTRATION, RAFFLE TICKETS, ETC. AT ZAHNISER MARINA BAR AREA

0800-1630 SCAVERGER HUNT ISLAND WALKABOUT CONTEST (INSTRUCTIONS IN REGISTRATION PACKET)

0800-1630 GEO HUNT ISLAND WALKABOUT CONTEST (INSTRUCTIONS IN REGISTRATION PACKET)

0800-1100 SOLOMONS ISLAND WALKABOUT ( ISLAND SHOPS; MUSEUM; BOARDWALK; ICE CREAM SHOPS, ETC.)

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

0900-1100 ARTS & CRAFTS ZAHNISERS MARINA ROOM/TENT

1100-1400 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (SOLOMON'S ISLAND CUSINE-SEE MAP FOR RESTAURANTS)

1400-1630 CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM-SEE BAY HISTORY / LIGHTHOUSE TOUR, BOAT RIDE, ETC. (ON YOUR OWN)

1630-1800 COMMANDER'S RECEPTION UNDER THE TENT (AIDES BRING MUNCHIES-SEE CHIEF AIDE....)

1800- 1930 DINNER ON YOUR OWN (SOLOMON'S ISLAND CUSINE-SEE MAP FOR RESTAURANTS)

1930-2100 GAMES UNDER THE TENT ( BRING 3 ONE DOLLAR BILLS FOR ONE OF THE GAMES)

#### SATURDAY: 27 JULY

**DRESS CODE: UNIFORM "D" FOR FLAG RAISING**

**AFTER FLAG RAISING: DISTRICT/ SQUADRON SHIRTS**

0700-0830 COFFEE, BAGELS, ETC. UNDER THE ZAHNISERS TENT

0800-0900 REGISTRATION , RAFFLE TICKETS,

0900-1000 FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT ZAHNISERS MARINA FLAG POLE (MUSTER IN PARKING LOT-0830)

1000-1100 COUNCIL MEETING AT ZAHNISERS TENT

1100-1145 VIMS UPDATE (VIMS LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION)

1200-1300 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN/HOT DOG STAND FOR CONTEST BOATERS & OTHER HUNGRY FOLKS

1200-1230 SAIL REGATTA SKIPPERS MEETING

1230-1730 SAIL REGATTA CONTEST

1200-1230 POWER BOAT NAVIGATION SKIPPERS MEETING

1230-1730 POWER BOAT NAVIGATION CONTEST

1300-1730 FIRST AIDE COURSE AT SPRING COVE MARINA ROOM- (SIGN UP REQ'ED)\*

1300-1730 SOLOMON'S ISLAND WALKABOUT/EXPLORE/MUSEUM/CONTESTS,ETC.

1300-1730 ON THE WATER TRAINING (OTW) FOR IN/CN CONTINUED - (SIGN UP REQUIRED)\*\*

1730-1830 COMMANDER'S RECEPTION AT ZAHNISERS TENT AREA

1800-2200 AWARDS BANQUET (HOSTED BY PAX RIVER SAIL & PWR SQD / MISSION BBQ, ETC.)

NOTE \* SIGN UP FOR FIRST AID CLASS, EMAIL: MICHAEL TORRES AT; [educationofficer@abcsomd.org](mailto:educationofficer@abcsomd.org)

NOTE \*\* SIGN UP FOR OTW CLASS, EMAIL: JOHN TORRES AT [educationofficer@abcsomd.org](mailto:educationofficer@abcsomd.org)

#### SUNDAY: 28 JULY

**DRESS CODE: CASUAL TRAVEL**

0800-?? DEPART FOR HOME

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

**SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



## JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Enjoy a Narrated Cruise and  
Buffet Dinner Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Boarding: 1800

Departure: 1830

Rain or Shine

Traditional and electronic methods of navigation will be presented.

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful dinner on the lower dining deck of the Ben Franklin. The informative and exciting narration will focus on aids to navigation, piloting, and chart work using a hand-held compass, GPS, and plotting our position on Delaware River Chart 12312. On the return trip you will see lighted aids, ranges and navigation lights on the big ships.

### **Bring your neighbors and friends**

Make reservation by sending a check in the amount of \$35.00 for each adult payable to ABC-DV to Lt/C Robert Tafel, PO Box 585, Hatboro, PA 19040 (215-441-4154).

List the name of each guest and e-mail address. (Sea Scouts & children under 12 at \$15.00).

Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd. which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take the right hand lane at exit 22 for Callowhill St. At the bottom of the off ramp, turn left on Callowhill St. and then right on N. Columbus Blvd. Turn left onto Penns Landing and the yacht will be on the left. There is ample parking at the location.

**Sponsored by Americas Boating Club --Delaware Valley**

## 2024 Spring Conference

The 2024 Spring Conference and Change of Watch was held on March 21-24 at the Holiday Inn on 66<sup>th</sup> Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City, MD. The event was a big success consisting of classes, updates on current events at the national and district levels, fellowship, hospitality suites, and of course, the District Change of Watch.

The Friday focus was on training, with three tracks of skill development:

- CPR and First Aid for Boaters,
- Leadership training for incoming (and incumbent) squadron bridge members
- Training for the various support roles found in most squadrons.

After the intensity of the day, five squadrons entertained us with themed hospitality suites!

Saturday was the venue for the District Council and Conference, a message from National leadership, updates on the initiative with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science as well as America's Boating Channel and the on-the-water segment of USPS® educational offerings. Lunch and dinner on Saturday were both at capacity; this meeting was a well-attended event!

The Change of Watch was officiated by C/C Ralph Bernard (one of D/5's own) with P/D/C Jeff Short as Master of Ceremonies. P/D/C Joe Gibson, AP was relieved of duty and D/C Bob Blevins, AP was pledged as our new commander.

You may recall that Joe's slogan for the 2023-2024 bridge year was "Build for the Future." He worked hard last year to set us up so that Bob can bring us to the next phase: returning to the water! His theme is "Fair Winds and Following Seas," harkening us back to the water with plans for district activities throughout the year. Embrace these messages and help make D/5 better than ever!

Join me in a big shout-out to the committee chairs and members who made this conference successful. Well done to all!

We shrunk down the footprint of the conference this year. All activities were held in the second-floor banquet facility and hospitality suites were directly across the hall. We did this to save money and make sure the venue was accessible to all.

P/C Gene Danko, SN  
Rockville Sail & Power Squadron





# 2024 D/5 Spring Conference Thursday





# 2024 D/5 Spring Conference Hospitality Suites







# 2024 D/5 Spring Conference Saturday Mtgs





# 2024 D/5 Spring Conference Saturday Cocktails





# 2024 D/5 Spring Conference Saturday Dinner





# 2024 D/5 Spring Conference Cdr Reception





## District Awards at 2024 Spring Conference

### Distinctive Communicator Awards Publications

#### District Newsletters

D5 – Mark 5

#### Squadrons in District 5

Annapolis - Anchor Watch  
Delaware River - The Barometer  
Delhigh - DELHIGHLIGHTS  
Nansemond River - Nansemond Light  
Northern Neck - The Lighthouse  
Patapsco River - The Bilgewater  
Richmond – The Bullhorn  
Smith Mountain Lake - The Signal  
Virginia Beach - Cape Henry Flashes  
Wilmington - THE LUBBER'S LINE

### Distinctive Communicator Awards Websites

#### District Websites

District 5

#### Squadrons in District 5

Absecon Island Power Squadron  
Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron  
Colonial Sail and Power Squadron  
Delhigh Power Squadron  
Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron  
Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron  
Main Line Sail and Power Squadron  
Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron  
Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron  
Patapsco River Power Squadron  
Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron  
Richmond Sail and Power Squadron  
Rockville Sail and Power Squadron  
Smith Mountain Lake Sail and Power Squadron  
Susquehannock Sail and Power Squadron  
Virginia Beach Sail and Power Squadron  
Wilmington Power Squadron  
York Sail and Power Squadron

### Membership Growth Awards

Division One (squadrons with less than 50 members)

3rd Place: Absecon Island & Patapsco River  
5% growth.

2nd Place: Virginia Beach 8% growth

1st place: Cambridge 38% growth

Division Two (squadrons with 50 or more members) :

3rd Place: Main Line 8% growth.

2nd Place: Smith Mountain Lake 11% growth

1st Place: Northern Neck 24% growth

### Vessel Safety Checks

Top Producers Nationally are:

2<sup>nd</sup> place District 5: Frank Brown, AP-IN of  
Nansemond River: 258

1st place District 5: Edward Furst Jr., S of  
York: 404

District 5 Honorable Mention Squadrons:

Kent Narrows: 107

Northern Neck: 154

Annapolis: 231

Squadron VSCs :

3rd place: Smith Mountain Lake: 262

2nd place: Nansemond River: 335

1st place: York: 423

VSC Century Club

Bill Eldridge for the 5th year

Ed Furst for the 9<sup>th</sup> year

Frank Brown for the 10th year

### Cooperative Charting

District 5 had a good year with one Squadron  
earning National Honor Roll status.

Kent Narrows:

Dick Radinski, AP-CN;

Chuck Wells, SN-CN

John Locke, SN-ACN, and

Larry Miller, S

One individual earned National Honor Roll Status:

Ron Ricketts, AP, Annapolis: 345 credits

## Educational Department

### Exceptional Service Award

Mike Maszczenski

### USPS Educational Fund

SQUADRON	TIMES ON HONOR ROLL
Absecon Island	12
Annapolis	10
Cambridge	12
Colonial	11
Delaware River	20
Delhigh	35
Dundalk	18
Kent Narrows	23
Main Line	17
Mid-Potomac	16
Nansemond River	13
Nanticoke River	8
Northern Neck	10
Northern Virginia	21
Ocean City	17
Patapsco River	26
Patuxent River	17
Potomac River	8
Richmond	12
Rockville	18
Smith Mountain Lake	10
Susquehannock	23
Virginia Beach	18
Wilmington	5
York	9

Members earning their 25th Merit Mark this year making them Life Members.

Name	Squadron
Arthur Aikin, SN	Nansemond River
John Brian Becker, AP	Patapsco River
Antonio Curro, AP	Ocean City
Bonita Mae Curro	Ocean City
Joseph Deady, SN	Dundalk



# 2024 D/5 Spring Conference Awards



The Coastal Resilience "Pilot Project" Gets A Name  
A USPS/District 5 Collaboration with Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)  
Center for Coastal Resource Management (CCRM) & Virginia Institute of  
Marine Science Foundation

By P/C Richard Lafferty, AP member Delaware River Sail & Power Squadron  
Treasurer, VIMS Foundation

On Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> Dr. Kirk Havens of VIMS CCRM presented at the District 5 Spring Conference. The Center for Coastal Resource Management staff are currently wrapping up data preparedness efforts in preparation for submission of shallow water depth data from volunteers of Northern Neck Power Squadron. Havens indicated that our collaboration will be called "SHOAL" – ***Shallow Water Hydrographic Observation, Assessment & Logging***.

VIMS is not yet ready (but will be within weeks) to accept depth data submissions beyond that from the pilot program participants because the Institute wants to be sure all effort results in participants being able to see their submitted tracks on the VIMS data website. In preparation for volunteering for this project each power squadron member wanting to contribute should be prepared to submit the following information at the appropriate time to allow VIMS staff to adjust the data received from each participant so that all data submitted is uniformly adjusted to the (1) DEPTH OFFSET (what is the depth of the bottom of the transducer to the water surface) and (2) HORIZONTAL OFFSET (what is the distance between the antenna, (or the Chart plotter unit), and the transducer. In addition, please be able to submit the make and model of your chart plotter. Over time, as more and more squadron members submit their track data, the information will gradually improve the granularity of the data in the VIMS SCHISM Model, developed by Dr. Joseph Zhang. (see:<https://www.vims.edu/newsandevents/topstories>)

The US Environmental Protection agency has chosen this computer model as the next-generation tool for managing Chesapeake Bay restoration, when this model slated to begin operating 2025. Your volunteer effort will provide essential data that will enhance efforts to mitigate shoreline erosion, coastal flooding and storm surge. P/D/C Joe Gibson and current District Commander Bob Blevins are excited by the prospect for District 5 squadrons to perform such a meaningful benefit to our coastal communities. If volunteer groups happen to discover "abandoned derelict vessels" when patrolling and gathering data your squadron can apply to the Boat US Foundation for a "grant" to "manage" the removal of the ADV. Boat US Foundation has \$10,000,000 earmarked to that purpose.

Interested members of the Power Squadron wanting to learn more may wish to attend the VIMS Marine Science Day on the campus in Gloucester Point, Virginia, which will be held this year on Saturday June 1. This event is open to all members of the public.

On behalf of Dr. Kirk Havens, and Marise Robbins-Forbes, Executive Director of VIMS Advancement & VIMS Foundation and myself who attended the District 5 Spring Conference, we all wish to express our sadness and sincere condolences to Sari Lafferty on the sudden passing of Marty Lafferty. We all should redouble our volunteerism in tribute to his memory.

### Blevins Boaters—South Bound Cruise

Join the Blevins Boaters for an exciting cruise to the Solomons for the District 5 Summer Rendezvous. We will begin the cruise at the Anchorage Marina in Baltimore, we should have access before July, on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and leave on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> for Rock Hall Landing. We will stay for two days at Rock Hall Landing before leaving for Herrington Harbor South on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and stay two days at that marina. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, we will leave for the Solomons and join with the Northbound Cruise at the Summer Rendezvous. After the rendezvous, we will be stopping in Annapolis.

As soon as I have a list of boats, we will stagger our cocktail parties to include all the boats and all the stops in between. Please send me an email, [rb3513@comcast.net](mailto:rb3513@comcast.net) or call 609.226.6773 to let me know you are going to be with us. It doesn't matter if you make all the stops or just one or two....join us for a great time.

Anchorage Marina	410.522.7200
Rock Hall Landing	410.639.2224
Herrington Harbor South	410.741.5100

Ralph Bernard

### Head North to the D/5 Summer Rendezvous

*Let's not make this complicated or formal. Just focus on boating, fun and fellowship.* Join members of the Richmond squadron for a cruise up the bay to the D/5 Summer Rendezvous and beyond. We have several boats, both fast and slow, leaving Delta-ville around July 25. We will participate in the D/5 Summer Rendezvous on July 26 and 27. Then head north on July 28, with stops at Herrington Harbor-South, Annapolis, St. Michaels and back. The itinerary was designed to accommodate sailboats, trawlers and cruisers.

The schedule is flexible. let Jim Zeigler ([Jim@jpzeigler.com](mailto:Jim@jpzeigler.com) or 804-347-5239) know if you are interested and we will put a plan together.

Do not wait. Slips at Solomon's Island, Annapolis and St. Michael's are in demand in July. Better to book now and cancel later.



## In Memorium Marty Lafferty

Kind, generous and beloved husband, father and grandfather, P/D/C Marty Lafferty of Amesbury, Massachusetts, passed away unexpectedly on April 5, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Sari Lafferty, children and their spouses, Alana Lafferty and Erez Amit, David and Emily Lafferty, and grandchildren, Bear and Ryder Amit and Ada Lafferty. Marty grew up in Niskayuna, NY and developed a passion for directing, boating and skiing that kept him busy every season for his entire life.

Marty was professionally trained as a film and television producer-director, earning his MFA at the Yale School of Drama, who more recently made his passion for safe boating into his legacy educating others through America's Boating Channel. His impressive career included overseeing the first multi-channel television coverage of the Summer Olympics for NBC; the creation and launch of Headline News and TNT for Turner Broadcasting; and serving in video content management roles at Microsoft TV, FutureVision, and Tempo TV.

Judy Stow wrote:

While Marty was known in the business world for his creativity, forward thinking, impressive and many accomplishments, Marty just was one of us. He devoted hours upon hours to strengthen and enrich his squadron and was very effective in leadership of Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron, District 5 and the United States Power Squadrons organization. He created and promoted the America's Boating Channel and he selflessly shared his vision and enthusiasm for the success of United States Powers Squadrons as America's Boating Club.

Many of us had the pleasure of hosting and working with Marty on safe boating videos as he drew on his love of directing and producing. Guiding amateur actors through scenes to meet his vision required patience and quite often an abundance of good humor. Eight years he and his driver, assistant and photographer Sari traveled coast to coast shooting safety videos.

While his accomplishments were many, mostly Marty was a friend. When he was District Commander, Marty and Sari welcomed us as Randy joined the D/5 bridge. They frequently hosted us when we roamed D/5 events. Marty traveled to Smith Mountain Lake to film videos for several seasons and our home became their headquarters – they knew where the key was. They returned many times and we enjoyed the fellowship ... along with, perhaps, a dish of ice cream from our local dairy.

A few years ago Marty and Sari moved to Massachusetts to be closer to their families, especially the grandchildren. Even so, these loyal and dedicated members maintained their membership at Kent Narrows and continued to be involved in D/5.

A gentle man, a lion in his profession and a dedicated, passionate member of United States Power Squadrons, but especially a dear friend. May we honor Marty by striving to continue to promote safe boating and advance his vision of educating others through the America's Boating Channel.

Donations can be made to Ahavat Olam or the United States Power Squadrons.

# Marty Lafferty 1947-2024





## 2024 Fall Governing Board

Sunday, September 22, 2024 - Monday, September 30, 2024  
 Sheraton at Station Sq, 300 W Station Square Dr Pittsburgh, PA  
 1-800-325-3535 Rate: \$189.00



**Fall Governing Board**  
 September 24 - 29, 2024  
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### REGISTRATION FEE

Cost: \$35.00 **ALL ATTENDEES**

The registration fee is to subsidize incidental expenses such as audio visual, printing of program and shipping of flags, awards, AV Equipment, Seat Packets, Supplies, etc from HQ. If you attend 1 or more events, meetings, seminars or meals, there are hidden costs that we are not charging attendees, but the hotel charges the organization. Our meal prices reflect the price the hotel charges (including applicable taxes, service charges, etc.) so this fee helps the organization recover some of the additional costs required to make the meeting more enjoyable/accessible. Your support is appreciated.

### Tuesday, September 24, 2024

#### PITTSBURGH PIRATES VS MILWAUKEE BREWERS GAME

Time: 1700-2230

Cost: \$56.00 **Price until 15 July 2024 \$46.00**

That's right folks – we continue our fan favorite! United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club returns to PNC Park for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Pirates game. We will be seated together in Section 105. We will be traveling to the stadium by water taxi on board the Gateway Clipper shuttle service. The Clipper departs just steps away from our hotel, the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square. The water taxi leaves the dock for the park starting at 5:30pm and returns starting at the bottom of 7<sup>th</sup> inning until ½-hour post-game. Price includes round trip shuttle and game ticket with a \$10 value imbedded that can be used for concessions and souvenirs at the ballpark. We will again use the MLB App for electronic tickets. All registrants will receive detailed instructions a few weeks prior.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Included. **NOTE:** Please contact Denise at [uspsnmctours@gmail.com](mailto:uspsnmctours@gmail.com) for additional information/questions regarding this event. **Discount Deadline Date is July 15 and FINAL PURCHASE DATE is August 1. The final date has been set by the ballpark, not NMC. BUY NOW as there are a limited number of seats.**

### Wednesday, September 25, 2024

#### PITTSBURGH ZOO & AQUARIUM

Time: 0930-1430

Cost: \$25.00 **Price until 21 September 2024 \$20.00**

The Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2023. During its 125 years, the Zoo transformed itself from an animal menagerie to one that focuses on incorporating naturalistic habitats for a great variety of species, as well as becoming a resource for conservation, education, and research. The Zoo map will show you 9 different locations showcasing the different environments. Find the Aldabra tortoise and the Visayan warty pig in The Islands and the African Savanna has our favorites, lions, tigers, zebra and more. The Aquarium is the most unique aspect of this Zoo. #6 on the Zoo map where you will find the blacktip Reef Shark as well as live coral, a Pacific giant octopus, jellyfish, potbellied sea horses, and an electric eel. Wheelchairs can be rented for \$10 per day and it is suggested that reservations be made in advance as without a reservation, availability is on a first come first served basis. To make a wheelchair reservation or to ask other ADA specific need questions, please call 412-365-6020.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The cost of transportation is not included. To help keep the cost down, the group will travel by UBER/LYFT or another method of transportation. Please bring \$10-\$20 per person cash to help cover the cost. Otherwise, the cost would have included \$50-\$100 more per person to pre-rent a van/bus/shuttle.

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#### WELCOME FRIENDS DINNER

Time: 1800-2200

Cost: \$79.00

**Price until 27 August 2024 \$66.00**

Have you registered for this dinner yet? What better way to kick off the Fall Governing Board than to invest in the

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price of dinner and an evening full of music, a test of knowledge, and memories! Yes, you'll have to think back and remember... Dinner follows a reception with cash bar.

**Chicken Salad:** Seasonal Greens with Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrot Ribbons & Balsamic Vinaigrette; **Entree:** Roasted Lager Brined Amish Chicken Breast with Natural Jus; **Dessert:** Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

**Risotto Salad:** Seasonal Greens with Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrot Ribbons & Balsamic Vinaigrette; **Entree:** Seasonal Vegetable Risotto; **Dessert:** Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

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**Thursday, September 26, 2024**

**KEYNOTE BREAKFAST** Time: 0715-0845 Cost: \$58.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$47.00**

Join us for an interesting guest speaker while sharing breakfast for the opening ceremony for the conference.

**French Toast :** Banana Stuffed French Toast with Graham Cracker Whipped Cream, Spiced Pecans and Local Maple Syrup; House Made Granola Yogurt Parfait with Berry Compote & Local Honey

**Scrambled Eggs:** Scrambled Eggs/Roasted Potatoes w/Caramelized Peppers and Onions/Applewood Smoked Bacon/Seasonal Fruit Salad

**CARNEGIE MUSEUMS OF ART & NATURAL HISTORY** Time: 0930-1330  
Cost: \$22.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$17.00**

The purchase price of a ticket gets you into both the Art and Natural History museums! Enter through the Ground Floor where you'll find large-scale sculptures in the open-air Sculpture Court and Fountain Plaza. Floors 1 to 3 are focused on objects of art and natural history. Be sure to stop at the Charity Randall Gallery and see the Pittsburgh Satellite Reef – a part of the worldwide Crochet Coral Reef Project. The exhibits, Dinosaurs in Their Time and From Egypt to Pittsburgh, may pique your fancy or step inside the Hall of African Wildlife to experience African savanna life. Our time at the museums will include time to dine together (on your own) at the Café Carnegie located in the Museum of Art.

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**D/C XO SQUADRON COMMANDERS EXEC OFFICERS & DEPT CHAIRS**

Time: 1200-1330 Cost: \$58.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$47.00**

Join the National Executive Officer, Mike Wiedel, and fellow District Commanders and Executive Officers for lunch. We encourage squadron/district commanders, bridge officers and leadership of all levels to join us. ***This luncheon is for everyone to attend.***

**LUNCH: The Downtown Deli Buffet:** Soup du Jour; Seasonal Greens Salad w/Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onion & Balsamic Vinegar; Red Skin Potato Salad with Bacon & Scallion; Grilled Marinated Vegetables; Farmer's Market Vegetable Salad Tossed with Feta Cheese, Sherry Vinegar & Basil Pesto; Corned Beef; Roasted Turkey Breast; Ham; Swiss, Cheddar & Provolone Cheeses; Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce & House made Bread & Butter Pickles; Dusseldorf Mustard, Herb Mayonnaise, Russian Dressing & Horseradish Sauce; Fresh Ciabatta Rolls and Sliced Bread; Assorted Cookies and Brownies

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**EDUCATIONAL TEAM LUNCHEON** Time: 1200-1330

Cost: \$58.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$47.00**

Calling all instructors, Educational Officers, Assistant Educational Officers, Educational Chairman, and those supporting education! Join us for an entertaining luncheon with presentations highlighting activities and recognizing a few invaluable individuals.

**LUNCH: The Downtown Deli Buffet:** Soup du Jour; Seasonal Greens Salad w/Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onion &

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Balsamic Vinegar; Red Skin Potato Salad with Bacon & Scallion; Grilled Marinated Vegetables; Farmer's Market Vegetable Salad Tossed with Feta Cheese, Sherry Vinegar & Basil Pesto; Corned Beef; Roasted Turkey Breast; Ham; Swiss, Cheddar & Provolone Cheeses; Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce & House made Bread & Butter Pickles; Dusseldorf Mustard, Herb Mayonnaise, Russian Dressing & Horseradish Sauce; Fresh Ciabatta Rolls and Sliced Bread; Assorted Cookies and Brownies

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**COMEDY SHOW AND DINNER** Time: 1800-2200  
Cost: \$99.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$81.00**

A full night of jokes, laughs and good clean fun with Pittsburgh's premiere stand-up comedian, David Kaye. If you are looking for an evening of laughing until your sides hurt, join us for "dinner and a comedian" – almost like dinner and a movie, but much more fun and lively humor! Dinner follows a reception with cash bar.

**DINNER OPTION 1: Pork:** **SALAD:** Bibb Salad w/Blistered Tomatoes, Applewood Bacon, Farm Eggs, Blue Cheese & Buttermilk Dressing; **ENTREE:** Cider Brined Berkshire Pork Tenderloin with Fresh Mustard Jus; **DESSERT:** Triple Chocolate Cream Cake or Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

**DINNER OPTION 2: Salmon:** **SALAD:** Bibb Salad w/Blistered Tomatoes, Applewood Bacon, Farm Eggs, Blue Cheese & Buttermilk Dressing; **ENTREE:** Pan-Seared Bay of Fundy Salmon w/Lemon Herb Butter  
**DESSERT:** Triple Chocolate Cream Cake or Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

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## Friday, September 27, 2024

**THE CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER** Time: 1030-1430  
Cost: \$20.00 **Price until 21 September 2024 \$15.00**

Have an interest in science? This is your chance to take in the Carnegie Science Center – four floors of interactive exhibits await you. General admission price includes these exhibits: Highmark SportsWorks – "to inspire learning and curiosity by uniting the experience of sports for every age level with the laws of science that control sports"; Mars: The Next Giant Leap - 7,400 square-foot Mars exhibit and its supporting programs; the USS Requin – the Navy's first Radar Picket submarine, the Buhl Planetarium and Observatory offers a variety of high-definition, full-dome planetarium shows; and there is so much more to see and learn. Accessible to persons with disabilities.

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**FUN LUNCH FOR EVERYONE** Time: 1200-1330  
Cost: \$49.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$41.00**

Avoid the lines while having fun! Lunch topic to be determined, but be assured it will be fun.

**LUNCH: SALAD:** Tomato Salad with Scallions, Peppers, Cucumber & Balsamic Glaze; Wrap Options: Grilled Chicken, Roast Beef with Caramelized Onions; Blue Cheese, Arugula & Horseradish Cream; Ham & Swiss with Dijonaise; Homemade Kettle Chips; Assorted Cookies.

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## Saturday, September 28, 2024

**SOCIAL LUNCHEON** Time: 1200-1400 Cost: \$67.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$56.00**

Looking for more than just lunch? The Social Lunch offers the attendees a guest speaker about the area or an informative session.

**LUNCH: Salad:** Seasonal Greens with Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrot Ribbons & Balsamic Vinaigrette

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grette. **Entree:** Chicken Romano with Potato Puree & Roasted Baby Carrots. **Dessert:** Carrot Cake with Honey and Candied Walnuts

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**MEMBERS LUNCHEON** Time: 1215-1330 Cost: \$67.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$56.00**

Come join the members at this time to enjoy lunch, visit with friends and new friends, as you share the learnings you have gained from this National Meeting! Everyone is Welcome!

**LUNCH: Salad:** Seasonal Greens with Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrot Ribbons & Balsamic Vinaigrette;  
**Entree:** Chicken Romano with Potato Puree & Roasted Baby Carrots; **Dessert:** Carrot Cake with Honey and Candied Walnuts.

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**BILGESWABBER'S BALL DINNER DANCE - BUFFET** Time: 1800-2200

Cost: \$102.00

**Price until 27 August 2024 \$84.00**

Harken back to the days when you cleaned out the water, etc. from your bilge. A task that required special clothing. This evening "dress up" in your finest bilge cleaning attire and get ready to "swab the bilge" as we enjoy a buffet style meal with rocking music, and maybe even prizes for the best dressed BilgeSwabber! The BilgeSwabber's Ball is calling your name. Get into the spirit and come swab with us! Dinner follows a reception with cash bar.

**Dinner Buffet:** A nice southern style buffet with a variety of choices. A few items: Fried Chicken and Waffles, Smoked, Baby Back Ribs, Blackened Shrimp Mac and Cheese, Red Potato Salad, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Green Salad, Biscuits, Corn Bread, Bourbon Pecan Pie and Fruit Cobbler.

**FOR ALL MEALS: IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS/VEGETARIAN OPTION:** Do you have special dietary needs or need a vegetarian option? Please click on the "Attendees" option at the top of this page and list them in the Special Dietary Needs section. Continue to purchase your meal choices and the hotel will offer another option.



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Educational Cruise	Philadelphia, PA	17 July
D/5 Summer Cruise	Chesapeake Bay	19-25 Jul
D/5 Summer Rendezvous	Solomons, MD	26-28 Jul
USPS Gov. Board	Pittsburgh, PA	25-29 Sep
D/5 Fall Conference	Maritime Institute	7-10 Nov
2025 Events		
USPS Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL	5-8 Feb



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