

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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The Pilot



The Squadron year is drawing to an end, and with it, my last year on the Bridge. It's been an exciting time for me, moving through the ranks and becoming Commander. It's been a true honor and privilege to be able to serve Main Line, and I'm thankful that you placed your trust in me and gave me such a great opportunity.

We've had a very good year. The three foundational objectives of the USPS, our reasons for existing as an organization, are to provide community service, continuing education, and to enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of our fellow members. I think we've done exceptionally well in each of those areas.

Our Vessel Safety Examiners conducted 34 vessel safety checks for members of the Squadron and for the general public. Big thank-you's go to Lt. Ali Ataiifar, our VSC Chair, and to our examiners, Lt. Maryanne Boettjer, Lt/C Siegfried Boettjer, P/C Russ Jones, and P/C George Nelson.

We participated in a boating safety awareness event with a local Sea Scout ship that introduced a lot of younger boaters to the concepts and practice of safe boating. Thank you to P/C Jim Friedrichs, Lt/C Sue Friedrichs, 1st/Lt Jim Spaulding, Lt. Patty Pezely, and P/C Meridith Barrett.

Our Education Department expanded the number of public boating courses offered by the Squadron, teaching a record number of boating safety classes to a record number of students. This wouldn't be possible without the extraordinary efforts of SEO Lt/C Siegfried Boettjer and his fantastic instructors, P/C Russ Jones, P/C Gary Armstrong, 1st/Lt Jim Spaulding, P/C Chuck Pellegrini, and everyone else who has contributed their time and energy. Thank you also to our auxiliary, the Mainstays, for your fundraising on behalf of the Education Department.

Together with the public boating classes, the department has also continued with a full slate of Member classes and seminars, and is well underway with instructor certifications for the new Boat Operator's Certificate program. A special thank-you to P/C Gary Armstrong for driving that along as our BOC Chair.

I'd like to offer special recognition to Lt/C Siegfried Boettjer, who is stepping down as SEO this year. Siegfried has been SEO for three years and has done a stellar job of building the department into the powerhouse it has become. Siegfried, Main Line's Education Department shines, and you should be very proud of that.

The last objective on our list, enjoying friendship and camaraderie, sounds like the easiest, but in reality there's effort required there, too. Organizing dinners and social events and raft-ups takes work and skill, and when it looks easy, you know the people doing the organizing are at the top of their game. We've been lucky to have some great people helping out, and in particular I'd like to thank Lt/C Nick Montalto and Lt. Terri Drumel.

Finally, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Lt. Patty Pezely, who has been the Editor of the Main Line Pilot for the past 6 years, and who is also stepping down this year. Under Patty's guidance, the Pilot has been fun, informative, and award-winning (and if you read it online, you'll know that it is also quite colorful).

There are a lot of endings this year, but of course that means there are also a lot of beginnings. I'm confident and excited that Main Line will continue to grow and flourish, and I'm looking forward to the passion and energy that Cdr. Sue Friedrichs and her new Bridge will bring.

Being Commander has been a great experience. Thank you all again for all your help, support, and friendship along the way.

Respectfully,

Cdr. Joe Pezely, P

Thanks

For the past 6 years I have been the Co-Editor of the pilot with my husband Joe. That's longer than we have been married! I want to thank all the Commanders I have served under (Scott Borzell, Gary Armstrong, Russ Jones, Meridith Barrett, George Painter, and Current Commander, husband and co-editor Joe Pezely) for allowing me the privilege to get the message out there. Also, thank you to all the contributors (especially the exceptional articles from Jerry Uber, Barb Jones, Sig Boettjer, Dick Greenwood, Jim Spaulding, Sue Friedrichs, Nick Montalto, Edee Heyser and all the past commanders). A special thanks goes out to Kathy and Scott Borzell for getting the publication to the post office. I am soooo sorry if I left anyone out. Also, thank you for the wonderful feedback from our readers June Reason, Irene Kent Chamberlin and of course ... Micky McNelis

Wayne Barrett will be the next editor and I am more than confident that he will take The Pilot to the next level. So keep those wonderful articles coming.

Respectfully,

Patty H. Pezely



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Executive

Reflections of the morning after.... After what? Last night, Thursday, February 26, 2009 was Main Line's Founder's Day celebration. P/C Chuck Pellegrini reminded us of the roots of USPS and how Roger Upton and his compatriots of the Boston Yacht Club came up with the idea of a boating group within the Yacht Club which would be dedicated to the newfangled boats with gasoline engines. They also realized that in order for people to operate these boats safely, education in safe boating and handling was needed. And so the seeds of USPS were sown. This component of USPS comprises the greatest part of its mission.

In addition to the reminder of the roots of USPS, Main Line honored years of voluntary hard work and dedication of the Heysers, not only to the mission of USPS, but also to the other organizations to which they belonged. Bob and Edee are fine examples of members who not only love boats and the water but who also realize that when you join an organization, you should also pitch in and help. We have so many members who also feel this way and they, too, are commended and thanked.

Founder's Day is always a good reminder of the purpose of USPS: safe boating, education, and friendship. Summer and boating are fast approaching. Classes are being taught to the public and to members. It will not be long before these students will be able to put to the test the skills they have been taught by our dedicated volunteers—P/C Russ Jones, P/C Pete Lacey, P/C Gary Armstrong, P/C Scott Borzell, P/C Bob Heyser, P/C Jim Herron, P/C Chuck Pellegrini, Cdr Joe Pezely, P/C George Painter, Lt/C Jim Spaulding, Lt/C Steve Kraus, Wayne Barrett, Dave Thomas, Chris Gloede, Ali Ataiifar, SEO Lt/C Siegfried Boettjer, and guest instructor Cdr Jim Heckman. Notice that many teachers are also past commanders. These are people who despite their busy lives, have given their time to assist in the mission of USPS. Thank you all.

Lt/C Sue Friedrichs

Executive Officer



Pre-Cruise Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Summer Cruise Dinner Meeting

The Main Line Sail & Power Squadron's annual summer cruise is always a highlight of the year. Everyone who has been on the cruise will tell you what a time they had. You can join us for all or part of the cruise which covers two weekends and the week between. The summer cruise this year will from Saturday, July 11 through Sunday, July 19.

Don't feel anxious over joining the cruise. If you are a new boater, we will have other similar boats accompany you on the trip. Bring your children and friends.

Please join us at Baxter's Restaurant for dinner and to review the planning for Main Line Sail & Power Squadron's annual summer cruise.

Date: **Tuesday**, May 19, 2009
Cocktails & Cash Bar — 1830
Dinner — 1930

Place: Baxter's Restaurant
20 Liberty Blvd, Malvern, PA 19355 (in shopping center across from the Desmond Hotel)

RSVP PC Russ Jones
115 Oak St
Downingtown, PA 19335
610-873-1576
wrjones3@verizon.net

All are invited... Skippers, Mates, Crew, Guests...

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 12

Main Line Sail & Power Squadron Dinner Reservation

Name(s): _____ # of dinners _____

Buffet: Flounder stuffed with crab meat, Chicken Marsala and Pork Chops

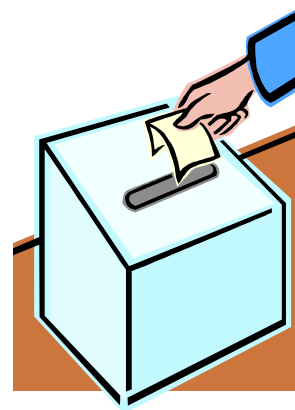
Check amount: \$_____ (\$32 per adult; \$15 per child age 12 or under)

Bridge / ExCom : 2009-2010

In accordance with the by-laws of the Main Line Sail & Power Squadron, the following have been elected for the Bridge Officers for the year 2009-2010.

Squadron Bridge

Commander: Susan M. Friedrichs, AP*
Executive Officer: Nicholas R. Montalto, P
Educational Officer: James T. Spaulding, AP
Assistant Educational Officer: Ali Ataiifar, P
Administrative Officer: John Juzbasich, S
Secretary: Patty M. Pezely, P
Treasurer: Lisa M. Fegan



Executive Committee

Gary Armstrong	Linda Armstrong	Ali Ataiifer
Meridith Barrett	Wayne Barrett	Maryanne Boettjer
Siegfried Boettjer	Scott Borzell	William Cheney
Elizabeth Corbin	Angelo DiPasqua	Barbara Doughty
Terri Drumel	Lisa Fegan	James Friedrichs
Susan Friedrichs	James Herron	Edith Heyser
Robert Heyser	Barbara Jones	W. Russell Jones
John Juzbasich	Steven Kraus	Peter Lacey
Robert Long	Nicholas Montalto	Mark O'Connor
George Painter	Jan Painter	Patty Pezely
Joseph Pezely	Ginny Somers	James Spaulding
Jerald Uber	David Wade	

Auditing Committee

Jim Herron

Jan Painter

Nominating Committee

Ali Ataiifar

Jim Friedrichs

Patty Pezely

Siegfried Boettjer

David Wade

Rules Committee

Bill Cheney

Angie DiPasqua

George Painter

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,
Linda Armstrong, Ali Ataiifar, Patty Pezely, Jim Friedrichs



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

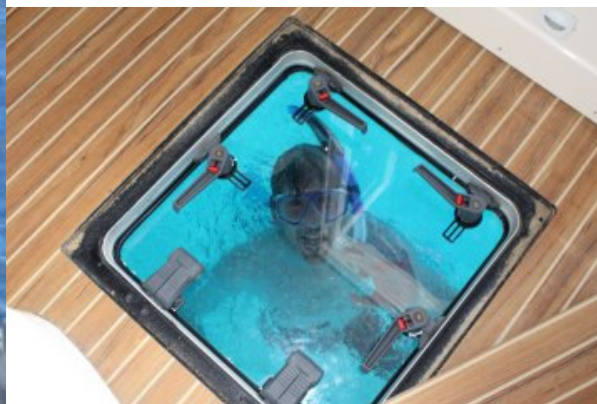
Our Spring boaters should be aware that dredging of the Poplar Island Narrows channel is scheduled for the period from 17 February to 1 May by the dredge SWINGING DRAGON. Boaters in the area should be aware of controlling cables connected to anchors and their marker buoys, and floating and submerged pipelines from the dredge to the spoil areas and their marker buoys. The dredge will monitor VHF-FM channels 13 and 16 should you be in the area and have any questions concerning safe passage.

Jim Friedrichs, AP*

Fleet Captain



Some fun in the BVI's



Education

As you are reading this, a new bridge is starting their work for MLSPS.

I would like to add my good wishes to those of all our squadron members for James Spaulding, who has agreed to assume the office of SEO. Jim is an experienced educator who has made "waves" in the squadron and at D5 with his active learning aids for the rules of the road. Assisting him as ASEO will be Ali Ataiifar, another experienced educator.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted and are still supporting the work of the education department in particular and the whole squadron in general for their support of the squadron educational program.

Many of our active members have advanced smartly through the educational ranks and some are now taking the JN course as the next course in their program. There are still opportunities for a number of squadron members who might consider advancing themselves to S, P, or AP, as the case may be.

One of our missions - public boating education - has been furthered significantly by the efforts of one member in particular - Russ Jones, as chair of public boating. He has a missionary zeal when it comes to educating the public to make them safe boaters, in turn making the waters safer for everyone. The people who have come through the program in the past three years number in the hundreds. Naturally, one person cannot do it alone. The instructors who taught the individual lessons of the course deserve great thanks and include: Gary Armstrong, Meridith and Wayne Barrett, Paul Bonnes, Scott Borzell, Chris Gloede, Bob and Edith Heyser, Pete Lacey, and George Painter. Without their dedication the public boating program would not have been possible.

During the three years, our members have enjoyed Seamanship, Piloting, Engine Maintenance, and Weather courses, taught by our able instructors Gary Armstrong, Bob Heyser, Russ Jones, and Peter Lacey.

Another initiative that is starting under the leadership of Gary Armstrong is the Boat Operator Certificate(s) (which you have seen described in a recent Pilot). It along with the seminars represents in some ways the "re-engineered" USPS. I urge all of you to take a close look at this initiative and align your courses to satisfy their requirements.

I will actively support the new education department during this transition and trust you all will do the same.

Regards,

Siegfried E. Boettjer

2009 MLSPS Summer Cruise

2009 Summer Cruise, here we come! Our incoming commander (Sue Friedrichs) has chosen five marinas, three of which will be two-night stays. This will minimize the travel and the fuel costs, and allow for a more relaxed cruise. We are estimating that between 12 and 18 boats will cruise with us this summer.

We will have **many interesting activities** on the cruise, all of which are optional. The cruise activities will be detailed in a subsequent article. We always have fun activities that I'm sure will influence your decision to join us this year. These will include cookouts, beach parties, water sports, dinghy races, dinner at a yacht club and of course our celebrated boat crawls. You will be able to sign up for the individual activities at the pre-cruise dinner in May.

You don't want to miss this annual cruise! Something exciting always provides wonderful memories. We are looking forward to seeing you on the cruise!

MLSPS 2009 Summer Cruise Itinerary:

- Saturday, July 11 – Kent Narrows; Mears Point Marina
- Sunday, July 12 – St. Michaels; St. Michaels Marina (aka Town Dock)
- Monday, July 13 – St. Michaels; St. Michaels Marina (aka Town Dock)
- Tuesday, July 14 – Annapolis; The Yacht Basin
- Wednesday, July 15 – Annapolis; The Yacht Basin
- Thursday, July 16 – Fairlee Creek; Great Oak Landing
- Friday, July 17 – Fairlee Creek; Great Oak Landing
- Saturday, July 18 – Rock Hall; Osprey Point Marina



The marinas have requested a list of the boats that will require slips. **Please complete the attached form** indicating the marinas for which you will require a slip. Send this form along with a **deposit check for \$250** made payable to Main Line Sail & Power Squadron to:

P/C Russ Jones, 115 Oak Street, Downingtown, PA 19335 610-873-1576

Boat Name: _____ Captain: _____

Type: [] Power; [] Sail Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____

Electric: [] Single 30; [] Dual 30; [] Single 50

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Spring 2009 Boating Classes

Four 2- hour sessions—consecutive weeks

Location	Start Date	Time
DCCC (Downingtown CCIU)	Thur, 12 March	7:00-9:00
DCCC (Main Campus)	Tues, 24 March	6:00-8:00
Clews & Strawbridge	Weds, 6 May	6:00-8:00

One-day, 8-hour class

Location	Date	Time
Clews & Strawbridge	Sat, 2 May	8:30-4:30
Stoltzfus RV & Marine	Sat, 16 May	8:30-4:30

Locations

DCCC (Chester County Intermediate Unit) - 455 Boot Road, Downingtown, PA

DCCC (Main Campus) - 901 South Media Line Road, Media, PA

Clews & Strawbridge—Route 30, Frazer, PA

Stoltzfus RV & Marine—Route 202, West Chester, PA

Registration

Delaware County Community College—DCCC.edu

Clews & Strawbridge Marine—USPS.org

Stoltzfus RV & Marine—USPS.org



Safety

WHERE'S YOURS?

The Sunday paper landed in a puddle again. I threw out the wet advertising pages, but wanted to rescue the comics. Simple. A few seconds in the microwave ought to have the funnies readable in no time.

So, I popped the paper into the machine, set the timer for about a minute and went into the next room.

Jan went into the kitchen for something and called me to come quickly -- QUICKLY. Smoke was coming out of the microwave and she told me to get the fire extinguisher. I opened the door to the closet/furnace room in the kitchen to grab for the fire extinguisher I knew to be on the floor (it was a pressurized water type). Jan said NO! and grabbed the dry powder one off the bracket on the inside of the door above my head. In my haste, I had forgotten that one was even there. Obviously, given the fact that the microwave is an electrical device, the dry powder extinguisher was the correct choice.

A quick squirt with the extinguisher wielded by Jan as I opened the door had the situation under control. It also had bi-carbonate powder around the kitchen, but the emergency was over.

Not only did I do a bone headed thing leaving the room with a flammable item in the unattended microwave, but I also carelessly misread the LCD timer display – one minute for one hour!

Worst of all, I did not *instantly* remember the location of a proper fire extinguisher.

In addition to purchasing a replacement fire extinguisher (plus a couple more) we are reviewing the placement and location of all the extinguishers in the house. We will probably reconsider “hiding” them from view in a closet.

A similar fire in the galley on a boat might even have more serious implications given the restricted spaces and limited access to exit out an awkward companionway. I know this is a boating safety organization, but the same safety rules should apply at home.

The next time we get to the boat, we are going to check the charge in extinguishers aboard (and probably add a couple) and review the locations.

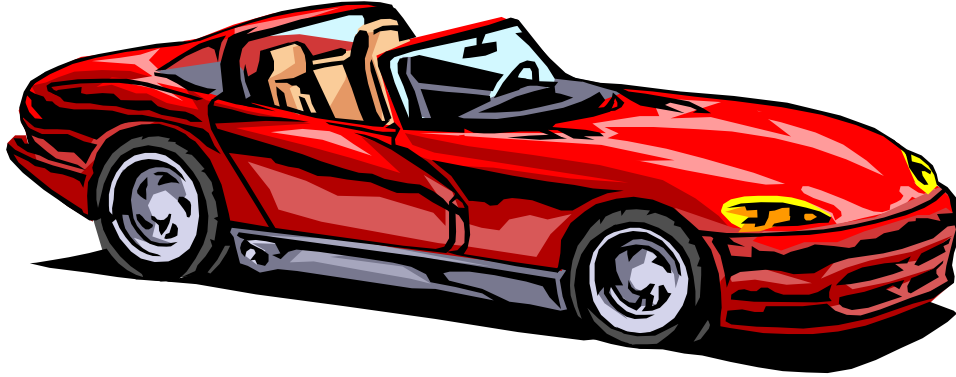
So, now..., where's yours?

P/C George Painter



Join Us For The *Main Line Road Rally*

April 18, 2009



Test Your Navigation Skills!

Feel the Wind in Your Hair!

Put the Top Down!

Enjoy a Meal With Your Friends!

Help the Economy!

More Details

What is a Road Rally? *It is a timed driving event that tests one's ability to follow directions correctly and arrive at the mystery destination at the correct time.*

Who Can Participate? *First, you need a car and a driver. The vehicle needs at least two occupants and can have more, if desired. You need at least one navigator, though, to assist the driver.*

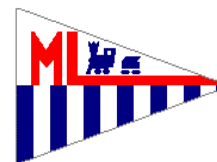
Where is it Held? *This event will start at the Desmond Hotel parking lot at 3:00 PM. The cars will be given written directions and released at approximately 3 minute intervals. The destination will remain a mystery until you arrive there.*

What Happens When We Get to the Destination? *Rest assured it will be a unique, interesting and fun event.*

How do I Participate? *RSVP to P/C Gary Armstrong so we can get a rough head count at garmstro@comcast.net or 610-458-7932*

Main Line Power Squadron

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2009

March 2009	
3	Mainstay Meeting
4	Executive Committee Meeting – Paoli Presbyterian @ 1930
4	April Pilot Deadline
18	Spring conf planning @ the Friedrich’s
21	Dinner meeting – COW
26-29	D5 Officer Training/ Spring Conference Princess Royale Ocean City, MD

April 2009	
14	Mainstay Meeting
1	Executive Committee Meeting – Paoli Presbyterian @ 1930
1	May Pilot Deadline
18	Road Rally

May 2009	
2-3	D5 – NOAA CoOp Charting Workshop – Norfolk VA
	Mainstay Meeting
6	Executive Committee Meeting – Paoli Presbyterian @ 1930
6	June Pilot Deadline
19	Dinner meeting – Pre-cruise planning – Baxter’s <i>Tuesday Night</i>
16-22	National Safe Boating Week
23-31	Memorial Day Weekend raft-up



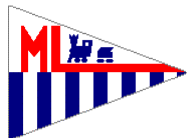
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