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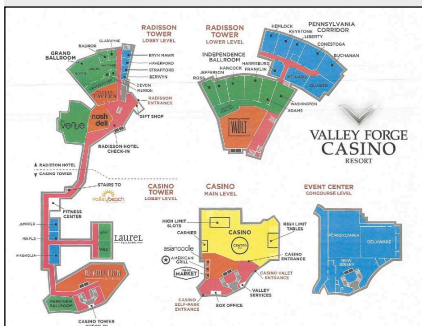
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A good bet:



There's still time to register for the D/5 Fall Educational Conference. See the complete conference schedule on Page 4.

Commander
Cdr. Lisa Fegan, P



Squadron calendar is busy!

Well, it's that time of year, when the weather is starting to change, the days are getting shorter and fall has arrived. A few boating days remain. This time of year is usually the most pleasant.

The past few months have been filled with fun squadron events. August started with the Commander's Picnic. We had put up two tents the day before. The day began with torrential downpours, but the rain stopped at 5:30 and the picnic started at 6:00. About 30 people attended, even with the threat of rain; what troopers! Thanks to everyone who brought homemade salads and desserts.

Next we had the Veterans' Picnic that started at at Skipjack Cove Marina and ended at the Wilmington VA Medical Center. When the VA bus could not bring the veterans to the picnic, we brought the picnic to them. Thank you, John Beardsley and Ed White, for all your hard work!

In September we had our annual mini-cruise to Mears Great Oak Landing. We met on the beach near Jellyfish Joel's for a picnic. Many thanks to Patti and Frank Visich, who did all the grilling and most of the logistics. Everyone brought appetizers, salads and desserts. It's clear that good food brings people together!

September also brought us to Schaefer's Canal House for our Ex-Com dinner. At dinner, we filled two long tables with members, then went inside for our Ex-Com meeting. Bruce and I came by boat and stayed at Chesapeake City Marina, just a short run across the C&D Canal from Schaefer's.

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Oktoberfest revelers Bruce Fegan, Gary Armstrong, Rita Rossi, Lisa Fegan, Terri Drumel, Marty Lafferty, Sari Lafferty and Charles Rossi.

On Sept. 23rd, a few of us piled in our Excursion (including Terri Drumel's dog Captain) and drove to P/D/C Marty and P/C Sari Lafferty's home for the 10th Annual Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron Oktoberfest. Festivities featured music by Wheelhouse, croquet, kite flying and ladder ball. Terri won the trophy for a mean game of croquet. After a wonderful dinner, Marty set off fireworks that lit up the night sky.

Now for some D5 news from D/Lt/C Brad Humphrey, JN, who just returned from the National Governing Board meeting in Dallas:

"The new branding logo incorporates a tagline started in District 5 some years ago," he said. "We're America's Boating Club. This line is incorporated into a logo that accomplishes several things. It shows fluidity, action, sail, power, and paddle. The existing ship's wheel logo is retained. We're not changing the name of United States Power Squadrons. Rather, America's Boating Club is an addition to our

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Executive Officer
Lt/C John Beardsley

Annual veterans' picnic was a moveable feast

As I prepare to write this article about recent MLSPS activities, I realize that we been blessed with some truly great weather for outdoor activities in August and September — temperatures in the 80s, low humidity, and a light breeze. You couldn't order better conditions. If you have a boat, I hope you've been able to enjoy weekdays and weekends on the water.

The squadron assembled at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City on Sept. 9th for our monthly Ex-Com meeting. The weather was great and we enjoyed a meal on their patio, then headed inside for a short meeting. This event at Schaefer's is becoming a September tradition which I plan to continue next year when I'm commander.

On Aug. 5th, we began to host our annual Veterans' Picnic at Skipjack Cove Marina. Every year the Wilmington VA Medical Center transports several disabled veterans to Skipjack for a picnic. Hospital workers tell us that the veterans really enjoy the picnic and look forward to the opportunity to get out of the hospital and be near the water.

This year, all the plans were in place. The gazebo had been reserved and the food ordered. I arrived at Skipjack a few minutes earlier than Ed White, who organizes the logistics of getting the veterans to Skipjack.

As Ed got out of his car, he had his phone in his hand and an annoyed look on his face. As he walked, he announced, "Change in plans, the vets can't make it."

It turns out that there had been a mixup at the hospital and the specially equipped bus that is used to transport the veterans was not available. The food was being prepared and our members were on their way. We decided to take the food "to go" and move the event to a pavilion on the hospital grounds. While the scenery wasn't as dramatic as at Skipjack, the veterans who attended really appreciated that our squadron takes the time to honor their service.

Our squadron members also graciously adjusted to the change, loaded up and relocated to the medical center in Elsmere.

You'll find pictures on pages 12 and 13.

In September we held a beach picnic at Mears Great Oak Landing. While more members came by car than boat, all enjoyed the gathering. Frank and Patti Visich organized a fantastic party. Patti and Frank, thank you for a great time.

The D5 Fall Educational Conference is scheduled for Oct. 26-29 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort/Radisson. Main Line is the host, with help from Delhigh and Delaware River squadrons. Lance Parry and his committee are arranging logistics and accommodations for the event. Chuck Wells of Rockville Sail and Power Squadron is in charge of the educational program. If you haven't already done so, plan to attend. Registration instructions are on page 4. When you register, order a Fall Conference shirt.

And on a personal note: I have a new email address. You can reach me at jbeardsley71@gmail.com.

D5 Fall Conference Schedule

Where's the USPS education effort headed? How does AIS work? What's happening with on-the-water training? Get answers to these and many other questions at the USPS District 5 Fall Educational Conference, Oct. 26-29 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort/ Radisson in King of Prussia, PA. It's not too late to sign up. Go to the District 5 Home Page, <http://www.uspsd5.org/> and click on the REGISTER link at the bottom left. See you at the conference.

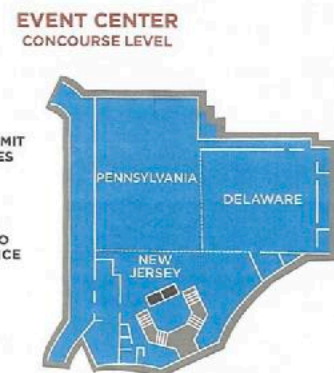


Friday, 27 October

8-5, Registration, Grand Foyer
 8-4, Raffle Sales, Grand Foyer
 8-4, Vendors, Grand Foyer
 8-4, Secretaries' Table, Grand Foyer
 TBD, Boating Simulator, Devon
 TBD, Bullex Fire Ext. Tr., Devon
 9-9:15, Welcome new attendees, Radnor
 9:15-10, Seminars: Teaching and Policy, Radnor
 10-12, Instructor Recertification, Gladwyne
 12-1:30, Lunch on Your Own
 1-2, Tablet Navigation, Gladwyne
 1-3, Nominating Committee, Bryn Mawr
 1-5, CPR/FA, Grand Ballroom
 2-3, Digital Media Library, Radnor
 2-4, Auxiliary: Crafts and Social Time, Haverford
 3-4:30, NMEA 0183 & 2000, What Are They? Radnor
 4:30-5:30, Jewish Services, Merion
6-8, Commander's Cocktail Party, Room 1405
 Dinner on your own

Saturday, 28 October

8-12, Registration, Grand Foyer
 8-12, Raffle Sales, Grand Foyer
 TBD, Boating Simulator, Devon
 TBD, Bullex Fire Ext. Tr., Devon
 10-5, Teaching Aids Exhibit, Grand Foyer
 8-8:30, Fall Council, **ALL HANDS**, Grand Ballroom
 8:30-10:30, Educational Dept. Update, Grand Ballroom
 10:30-12, AIS Seminar, Radnor
 11:45-1, Cash Bar, Location TBD
 12-1:15, Lunch Buffet, Wreck of the Andrea Doria, Grand Ballroom
 1:30-2:30, HQ800/DB2000, Radnor
 1:30-2, Sea Scouts, Gladwyne
 2-2:30, Meetings & Rendezvous Committee, Bryn Mawr
 2:30-3:30, Open Discussion on Education: Q&A, Radnor
 3:30-4:30, On-the-Water Training, Radnor
 4:30-5:30, Catholic Services
 4:45-5:45, Protestant Services
 6:30-10, Cash Bar, Location TBD
 7-10, Banquet and Awards, Grand Ballroom
Sunday, 29 October
 9-11:30, Fall Conference, **ALL HANDS**, Grand Ballroom
 11:30 Safe trip home



Educational Officer
P/C Nick Montalto, SN



Look for a series of seminars in the spring

Consistent with previous years, fall is a difficult time to interest students in boating classes.

This fall we are providing one class, but canceled two because of low registration.

P/C Russ Jones, SN, is teaching Advanced Piloting this fall and has four students.

But two classes scheduled through Chester County Night School -- America's Boating Course and Seamanship -- have been scrubbed. Only one student signed up for the America's Boating Course and two students signed up for Seamanship, one of whom is a squadron member.

Has your instructor's certification lapsed? Renew it this month at the Fall Educational Conference.

Our best season is the spring.

I plan to teach a spring course through Chester County Night School that will include several of our seminars, one for each two-hour class. That list includes VHF Radio, Paddle Smart, Intro to Navigation and Rules of the Road. We will also teach America's Boating Course at our usual spring locations -- Chester County Night School, Clews & Strawbridge and Stoltzfus Marine and RVs.

There will be an instructor recertification class on Friday, Oct. 27 at the D5 Fall Educational Conference for those previously certified as instructors, but whose certifications have lapsed. We have a shortage of certified instructors in the squadron, which affects our ability to teach classes. Please get recertified!

P/D/Lt/C Jim Heckman, SN, our squadron ASEO, will present an Automatic Identification System (AIS) seminar on Saturday at the conference.

Look for all of the conference's scheduled events and seminars on page 4 in the *Pilot*.



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Learn more about boating from fish commission

While the summer was a busy time for our boaters, fall is packed with more activities.

The next dinner meeting is Oct. 19 at Peppers Italian Restaurant, 239 Town Center Road in King of Prussia, PA, 19406.

The cost is \$32 per person with a choice of entrée. Cocktails begin at 6:30; dinner is at 7:15. Sign up with the flyer on page 7.

Our guest speaker will be Waterways Conservation Officer Nathan Hancock from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. He will explain how the commission protects, conserves and enhances the commonwealth's aquatic resources and provides fishing and boating opportunities.

You can learn more about the commission on its website: www.fishandboat.com. You'll find current regulations, lists of boating courses, water trails and even a kayak giveaway contest.


The D5 Fall Educational Conference is scheduled Oct. 26-29, 2017, at the Valley Forge Casino Resort/Radisson in King of Prussia, PA. Please don't forget to register for this event. Information about registration is on page 4.

The annual Main Line Sail and Power Squadron Holiday Party will be held at Glenhardie Country Club, 1399 Old Eagle School Road, Wayne, PA, 19087 on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017.

Arrangements are incomplete as of press time, but mark your calendars now, then check

your email for more details as the date approaches.

[Editor's Note: Patti and Frank ended the evening after the squadron picnic at Mears Great Oak Landing in a surprising fashion. Read Patti's article about the experience on page 14.]



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**Waterways Conservation Officer
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Fleet Captain
P/C Jim Friedrichs, JN*

Be alert for missing nav lights and lots of athletes

Below are problems with the navigational aids in our usual cruising area:

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| • Knapps Narrows West Channel Day Beacon 3 | Damaged |
| • Kent Island Narrows North Approach Buoy 6 | Off Station |

Some lights are a factor too. As the hours of daylight decrease, these are the nav light problems in our area.

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| • Bloody Point Bar | Light Extinguished |
| • Thomas Point Shoal Light | Light Extinguished |
| • Craighill Channel Upper Range Light | Light Extinguished |
| • Brewerton Channel Upper Range Rear Light | Light Extinguished |
| • Back Creek Channel Range Rear Light | Light Extinguished |
| • Eastport Harbor Entrance Light 2E | Structure Destroyed |
| • Miles River Light 1 | Light Extinguished |
| • Broad Creek Light 1 | Light Extinguished |
| • Adams Creek Light 1AC | Structure Destroyed |

There will be construction and use of the Annapolis Harbor boat show piers until Oct. 19.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, plan your boating and driving in the Bay area carefully. Ironman Maryland, also known as Chesapeakeman, is happening that day. About 2,000 swimmers are expected to be competing in a 2.4-mile open water swim between 0600 and 1100 in the Choptank River between Great Marsh Park and the Cambridge Yacht Club. Coast Guard and other patrol vessels will be in control of the area. They may be contacted on VHF Channel 16 for necessary communications.

The Ironman competition continues with a 112-mile bike ride through the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and on area roads, and a 26.2 mile marathon that concludes in Cambridge.

Then, on the weekend of Nov. 4 and 5, look for lots of traffic on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, especially in Annapolis and Stevensville. The eastbound span of the bridge will be closed to traffic for a while on Sunday morning, Nov. 5, when thousands of runners and walkers will be participating in the Across the Bay 10K. That Sunday is the only day of the year the bridge is open to pedestrians and closed to vehicles — plan accordingly.

Busy squadron calendar, continued from page 2

name. It completes the sentence. We are United States Power Squadrons. We are America's Boating Club."


Oct. 26-29 will bring us to the Fall Educational Conference in King of Prussia. We are the main host squadron, along with Delhigh and Delaware River squadrons, and I encourage everyone to attend. Register online now at the D5 website. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lance Parry.

It's time to nominate members who have done an outstanding job for merit marks. A merit mark is equal to 15 hours of work for the squadron. The deadline is Oct. 15 to send Bill McManimen your nominee's name and a short synopsis of the work he or she has done.

On Nov. 11th, I am planning a dinner in lieu of a monthly meeting. "Out with Friends" dinner will be at Bahama Breeze and then dessert at the Fegans'. (See the flyer on page 17.) It's another way to get everyone together socially.

As I was writing this article, I couldn't help thinking about this year's hurricanes and all the people who were impacted. Many of our squadrons and families were in the path of one or all of the storms. Please take a moment and say a silent prayer (in your own way) to give strength to all who were affected by them.

Just a note: When Tropical Storm Lee became a hurricane, this became the first season since 1893 to have eight tropical storms in a row that became hurricanes. Please be safe this year!



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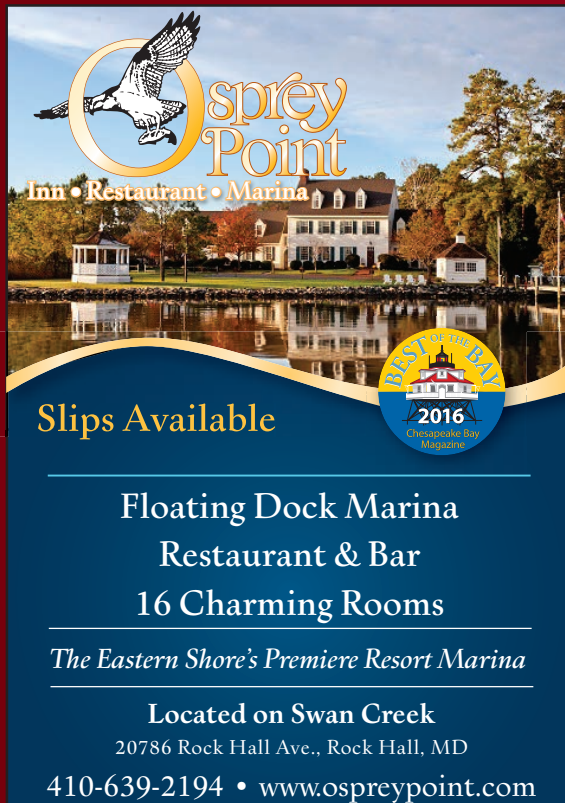
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Highlights from recent Ex-Com meetings

From Lt/C Cynthia Gorge, JN
Secretary*

- Boat Show Chairperson Lt. Frank Visich said anyone wishing to volunteer for the United States Sail and Powerboat shows this month can sign up on the D5 website uspsd5.org. Click on the Annapolis Boat Show sites.
- Lt Maryanne Boettjer, AP, said she believes the squadron's five vessel safety check officers will complete 30 checks this season. One officer, Sieg Boettjer, has been sidelined by some medical issues.
- Nominating Committee Chairperson, P/C Barb Jones, AP, reported that the committee will meet in October to select nominees for the slate of officers for 2018-19.
- Cdr Lisa Fegan, P, reminded members to send recommendations for merit marks to P/R/C Bill McManimen, SN, by Oct. 15 at wmcmanimen@verizon.net.
- P/C Lance Parry, AP*, urged members to register (and buy polo shirts) for the D5 Fall Educational Conference, and commended P/D/Lt/C Jim Heckman and P/Lt/ C Mike Gibson for their support for this event.



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Briefly Noted:



Star power — Squadron members Chas and Rita Rossi and Jan and George Painter lent their time and enthusiasm in August to help make a video for the USPS Digital Media Library. Accompanied by Bob Becker from Dundalk and his grandson, Cameron, they worked with directors Marty and Sari Lafferty to demonstrate safety measures, including PFDs and flotation devices.

Look for them in an upcoming video at uspsdml.org.

At left, Marty Lafferty and George Painter discuss PFDs. At right, Rita Rossi and Sari Lafferty show two different styles of PFDs.



United States Power

Squadrons has changed its public site URL from usps.org to beyondboating.org.

Both addresses work, but beyondboating.org will take you to several new pages.



You can scroll through all the member squadrons, and click to reach their websites to see what classes they offer, or read their newsletters.

Try it out.

Looking for a weekend jaunt? Check out Mallows Bay, MD, reputed to have 200 wooden and metal ships that were destroyed and (mostly) sunk when not needed for WWI. Nearby is a boat landing. For photos and more info go to: <http://www.boatingworld.com/news/largest-ship-graveyard-hemisphere-right-near-dc/>. Mallows Bay is about an hour south of Washington.

According to the article, the area is on its way to officially becoming a National Marine Sanctuary, a first for the Chesapeake and its tributaries.



This year's picnic was a moveable feast

Main Line's annual picnic with veterans, this year relocated to the Wilmington VA Medical Center, took place under flawless skies. Veterans, their aides and squadron members enjoyed the event.

We again thank All Points Logistics, LLC, which has underwritten the costs of the picnic for the second year.





Veterans from Wilmington VA Medical Center and their aides joined Main Line Sail and Power Squadron members for our annual picnic, complete with picnic fare, games and gifts.



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*By Lt/C Patti Visich
Administrative Officer*

Main Liners took a late summer mini-cruise to Mears Great Oak Landing on Saturday, Aug. 26. Some opted to stay overnight at the inn or rent a slip at the marina. Frank and I, in the *FLYIN V*, elected to anchor out and use a dinghy.

To prepare for the beach picnic, Frank and I loaded our dinghy with food, tiki torches and other supplies, and got to the beach around 1 pm. We unloaded and hauled everything to the picnic area.

The afternoon was a success. Folks enjoyed the weather, the food and the companionship. Susan Woron and John Beardsley celebrated their 10th anniversary.

It was dark when the event ended around 8 pm. We hauled everything back to the dinghy, loaded it, untied it from a tree on the beach and as we started to drift away, there was silence. The electric motor didn't start.

Frank said to me, "we'll have to row back. Where are the oars?" Whoops, I had forgotten to put OARS on the checklist.

So there I was, straddling the dinghy with a foot and hand trying to paddle us to the cove while Frank was cussing me out like a drunken sailor (haha). As we were both paddling, we came upon two sailboats that were rafted together and we heard hysterical laughing. Frank thought (I bet) they were laughing at us.

Since we were drifting really and not steering, as we approached the stern of the boat,



View from the beach at Jellyfish Joel's at Main Line's picnic site. This photo was taken a half hour before Patti and Frank left. Now imagine the scene in darkness, and without a functioning motor.

we heard a girl call out, "DON'T SHINE THE LIGHTS OVER HERE"...

Yes, it was two girls and two guys skinny dipping. Then one fellow asked, "Do you need a tow?" And I said ok.

Then he answered, "Just let me get myself...Uh Uh UH together!"

We all laughed now and Frank said, "never mind — you're having too much fun."

So off we went, paddling with our hands, to our boat, which thankfully was only a few feet away!

Moral of the story: NEVER FORGET THE OARS!

Moments from the summer mini-cruise to Mears Great Oak Landing



Above at left, John Beardsley and Susan Woron celebrate an anniversary, and Terri Drumel poses with her dog Captain at the picnic at Mears Great Oak Landing in August.



At left, Patti Visich serves up sausages (with a smile and a side of onions and peppers) while Bruce Fegan and Lance Parry discuss boating issues.



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Make Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 an Evening with Friends!

*Join your fellow
Main Liners for
dinner at Bahama
Breeze, then head to
Lisa and Bruce
Fegan's house for
dessert.*



Time: 6:00 pm
Dinner: Bahama Breeze Island Grille
320 Goddard Blvd.
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Dessert: The Fegans' home
579 Powderhorn Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

RSVP: November 1st
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MLSPS 2017-2018 Calendar

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OCTOBER

- 4** **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, PA, 7:30 pm
5-9 United States Sailboat Show, City Dock, Annapolis, MD
12 **Reminder:** RSVP for October dinner meeting
12-15 United States Powerboat Show, City Dock, Annapolis, MD
15 **Merit Mark Deadline**
19 **Dinner Meeting**, Peppers Italian Restaurant, King of Prussia. Speaker: Nathan Hancock of the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission; 6:30 pm cocktails, 7:15 pm dinner
21 Tilghman Island Day Festival, Tilghman Island, MD, 10 am-5 pm
26-29 **D5 Fall Educational Conference**, Valley Forge Casino Resort/ Radisson, King of Prussia, PA **Don't miss it – MLSPS is hosting!**

NOVEMBER

- 1** **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli PA, 7:30 pm
1 **Reminder:** RSVP for Out with Friends dinner
11 **Dinner:** "Out with Friends," Bahama Breeze, King of Prussia, details to come, 6 pm
20 **Deadline to submit items** for the December *Pilot*

DECEMBER

- 6** **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, PA, 7:30 pm
16 **Holiday Party**, Glenhardie Country Club, Wayne, PA

JANUARY 2018

- 3** **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, PA, 7:30 pm
18 **Dinner Meeting**, details to come
19 **Deadline to submit items** for February *Pilot*

FEBRUARY

- 7** **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, PA, 7:30 pm
15 **Dinner Meeting**, details to come

MARCH

- 7** **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church - Paoli, PA, 7:30 pm
9-11 **Greater Philadelphia Boat Show**, Oaks, PA **Volunteer to help staff our booth.**
17 **Change of Watch**, details to come
19 **Deadline to submit items** for the April issue of the *Pilot*



Ex-Com members after dinner at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City, MD.

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