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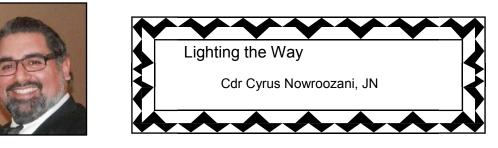
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Delhigh website: www.delhigh.org

Please visit Delhigh's Facebook page or website to view photos of all Delhigh's activities.

Photos in this issue courtesy of P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN





Happy New Year! 2015 is well underway and we will be prepping for this season's boat launch before we know it. My second year as commander for Delhigh went by much faster than the first. Reflecting on 2014, I am grateful for all of the wonderful memories our family has had. Our lives are richer and more meaningful for letting us be a small part of yours.

I would like to take this time to thank the 2013-2014 bridge. Without their support we would not have had the success, fun, and great events over the past year. We are a volunteer organization and you give your most valuable commodity, your time.

2015 with be another great year for our squadron under the leadership of the new bridge. I am confident that they will grow the organization and continue to drive safe boating as well as the camaraderie that is core to Delhigh. Thank you in advance to the hard work in leading our squadron over the next year of many events. Your dedication will drive our success in 2015.

By this point in the year many of us that have made New Year's resolutions may have already thrown in the towel or have moved on to other endeavors. For those of you still on the path, keep it up and great for you! My resolution is one that I will need your help with. Our boys will remember their childhood summers on boats; learning how this lifestyle enriches us through new experiences, travel, meeting new people, and having fun with our extended family. I hope to have their fond childhood memories include many of you as they continue to grow with us as a squadron.



2014 HOLIDAY PARTY

Delhigh's Annual Christmas Party

By Nikki Lebeduik

The Delhigh Annual Holiday Party was definitely different. It was held at Beck's Land & Sea House in Nazareth, PA. While there were some inconveniences, for instance, the room was not ready at the scheduled time, thanks to fast thinking Commander Cyrus Nowroozani and Lt/C Kathleen Nowroozani, a precocktail party was held at the Lebeduik residence.

Once at the restaurant, the room seemed very small for the number of people that attended, but the food was excellent, which helped everyone to overlook the lack of space.

The D/5 guest this year was D/Lt/C Fuzzy Jones. She passed on holiday greetings from the District Bridge.

There was the Pollyanna gift exchange that was very different and interesting. Lt/C Kathleen Nowroozani came up with the idea of a Jeopardy Pollyanna. Commander Cyrus became Alex Trebek, and I became Vanna White. I can only hope that everyone enjoyed the game as much as I did.

Good food, fun games, and great friends made all the inconveniences disappear. Delhigh member's came together as a squadron once again to make this 2014 Holiday party a success.







2014 HOLIDAY PARTY















Feb-March 2015

DELHIGH YOUTH ORGANIZES FOOD DRIVE

In November of last year I was working on my CYO religion award and needed to pick an activity for the month. Since it was the beginning of the holiday season, I decided that it would be nice to find somewhere to donate to the needy. My mom helped me look and we found that the Catholic Diocese located in Allentown was looking for Thanksgiving meals to be donated to needy families. They gave us ideas of what to donate, like a gift card for a turkey and boxed stuffing and potatoes, canned vegetables and cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes. Fresh rolls and desserts could be bought last minute since meals were to be dropped off the Monday before Thanksgiving.

After I decided that my family and I could do this, I decided to also include my classmates at school. I wrote a note for the teacher to pass out telling them what we could use and when we needed it by so that we had everything in time to drop things off. The weekend before Thanksgiving me family and I put together what was donated by my classmates and then went to the store to fill in the rest of what was missing from the 2 meals that we were able to donate. We donated both meals with everything from the turkey and gravy to pumpkin pie.

After school on the Monday before Thanksgiving my mom and I dropped off both full meals at the Catholic Diocese and it made me feel really good to know that I had helped to give 2 families food to share for Thanksgiving.

Vincent Nowroozani



Editor's note: Vince, no doubt, has learned from his parents, Delhigh Commander Cyrus and Executive Officer Kathleen Nowroozani, the spirit of giving. Vince attends most Delhigh activities and is currently taking the ABC Course. Way to go, Vince!

Winter Wonderland P/C Joseph P. Stemrich, A

Delhigh Power Squadron boating classes always emphasize how important it is to support and trust your first mate. So when Camilla came to me in January of 2014 and told me she wanted to sing with the Northampton Community College Chorus, I supported her. After all, she has a great voice and it meant that I would have my Wednesday night free to attend Squadron meetings, activities, or whatever else I wanted to do. So when she went off to practice with her chorus, I had the evenings free to do whatever I wanted. After 14 weeks of going every Wednesday night like clockwork, the Chorus was ready for their performance in May of a Tribute to Broadway. I invited many of you to attend the concert and post party along with family and friends. On the night of the big show she sang beautifully and the chorus sounded wonderful. Even my buddies Vince and Oliver Nowroozani enjoyed the performance. At the after party that May night, just as boating season was getting under way, my little buddy Vince Nowroozani said, " Why don't you sing, Joe? That would be fun to watch!" He had a big smile on his face that said it would be as much fun to watch as a Nascar car crash. So I told him I would think about it. I don't have a beautiful voice like my wife does; I sound like a cat that got its tail run over by a pickup truck.

When Cam asked me if I wanted to sing with her for the Christmas Show it sounded like a baaaaddddd idea. I thought to myself how can I get out of this and still support my wife? I suggested to her that we sing a duet during the pre-concert show. I thought for sure she would say no because when she sings she doesn't like to stand out. To my shock and chagrin she said in a flash – "Good idea let's do it." My plan had backfired. So we went to practice every Wednesday night and I missed Squadron meetings and activities and whatever else I wanted to do. We went to practice and sure enough after about 6 weeks we started to sound better. Cam and I began to practice for our duet. We practiced our duet until we thought we sounded better. But, we never seemed to get to better. It's like seaman skills. You keep practicing docking your boat, tying your lines, putting the boat on the trailer and taking the boat off the trailer, and identifying navigational marks until you know what your are doing. We are still working on our boating skills, too. Practice, Practice,

We drove to Pittsburgh one Saturday afternoon - five hours singing *Winter Wonderland* and *Let it Snow* -- Over and over and over again. When we finally got to Pittsburgh we sang the song for our daughters ,Janell and Dana and our Granddaughter, Audrey. They laughed at us! They told us to keep practicing, we'd get better. But we just didn't feel like we were getting better.

I kept running my boat into sandbars and bottoming out and I thought I was getting better but I kept practicing singing and boating. Practice, Practice, Practice. On the night of the show 5 December 2014, we got all dressed up in tuxedos and gowns and we invited many of you and our family and friends to come see us sing our duet. When the curtain was pulled back and the choir director introduced Camilla and I, we sang *Winter Wonderland* and *Let it Snow* in front of a packed house of about 200 spectators at Lipkin Theater at Northampton Community College. *We really looked like we were having fun! We sang like we knew all the words! We were entertaining! We were excited! We were not terrible!* Of course we weren't really good either, but our Delhigh Power Squadron friends, our family and other friends all said we sounded wonderful. It's funny how those people will lie to you just to see you smile.

The point of this little holiday story is that if you can captain a boat you too can sing in a chorus. You don't have to be good at it but you do have to Practice, Practice, and Practice!!

Delhigh Power Squadron's 2015 Founder's Day Meeting



Wednesday, 4 February 2015 PALACE RESTAURANT 3250 Easton Ave, Bethlehem 1800

> Choice of: Honey Baked Ham Or Roast Beef

Served with: Soup du Jour, Pasta, Roasted Potatoes and Ice Cream

\$20 each

Please RSVP with your dinner choices to Kathy at k.now@mac.com by Friday, 30 January

2015-2016 Slate of Officers

As provided by our by-laws, the Nominating Committee presents for your consideration our slate of officers for the elected positions for 2015-2016 as follows:

Commander: Lt/C Kathleen Nowroozani, JN

Executive Office: Kim Karaman, S

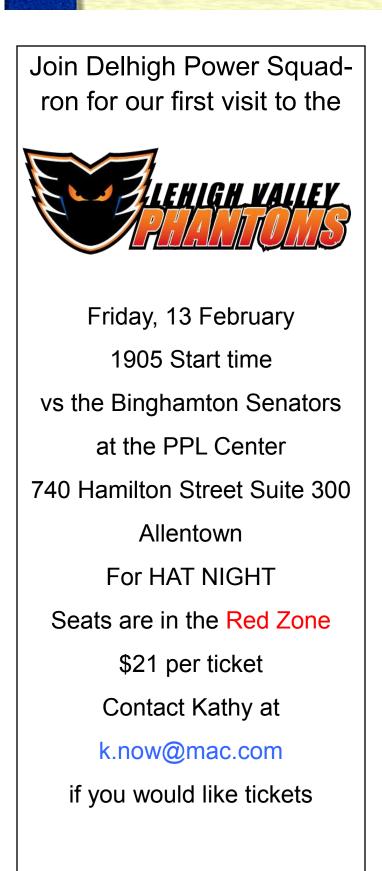
Squadron Educational Officer Lt/C Douglas McKenzie, JN

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Keith Knoblach, P

Secretary: Michelle Bothelo, P

Treasurer:

Lt/C Gary Corcoran, P



Delhigh's St Patrick's Day Celebration

1400 - 1900

Come join the fun!

Corned Beef Stew provided Please bring an Irish appetizer or dessert

RSVP to Kathy McKenzie by 8 March at

k.mckenzie23@gmail.com



Delhigh Power Squadron 2015 Change of Watch at Bear Creek Mountain Resort

101 Doe Mountain Lane, Macungie Saturday, 21 March 2015

Cocktail Hour and Cash Bar 1800

With Antipasto Display

Salami, Mortadella, Fresh Mozzarella, Fontina Cheese, Roasted Peppers, Marinated Artichoke Hearts, Marinated Mushrooms, Olives, and Tomatoes

Dinner and Ceremony 1900

Roma Buffet

Caesar Salad, Basil, Tomato and Mozzarella Cheese Salad, Warm Breadsticks, Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Parmesan, Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Baked Penne Marinara with Mozzarella Cheese, Sautéed Green Beans, Fresh Cannolis and Assorted Freshly Baked Cookies

\$49 per person Delhigh Change of Watch Reservation Form Please Respond by: Friday, 13 March 2015 Rank____Name:____

Rank____Name:_____

Total Enclosed _____ (Checks payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron)

Send to: Kathleen Nowroozani 6951 Sunflower Lane (610) 351-5192 Macungie, PA 18062 k.now@mac.com



Join Delhigh for our

April Meeting and Easter

Leftovers Pot Luck

Wednesday, 8 April

1830 for Pot Luck

Meeting starts at 1900

Holy Trinity Church

Bring your leftover ham, turkey, potato salad, rolls or whatever it is you liked best from your Easter Dinner! Come Join Delhigh Power Squadron

As we celebrate Ed Muschlitz's 50th Anniversary

with USPS® and

Delhigh

&

Sock Burning



Saturday, 18 April

1700

at the Lebeduik Residence

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided

Please bring an appetizer, side or dessert

To share

Don't forget your socks!!!

Please RSVP to Kathy at

k.now@mac.com

Join Delhigh for our August Monthly Meeting at



to watch the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

play the Pawtucket Red Sox!

When: Tuesday 7 July 2015

Where: PennTeleData Party Porch (3rd Base Side)

Buffet: 1805-2005

Game: 1905

Cost: \$37.00 each

NOTE: The private, upgraded buffet will be served rain or shine and includes the usual burgers, dogs and sides plus flank steak and BBQ chicken. If the game is cancelled the buffet WILL STILL BE SERVED. We will meet regardless of the weather!

We have our own buffet this year and a roof over our heads so we can still stay dry in the rain!

Please contact Kathleen Nowroozani at 610-351-5192 or k.now@mac.com if you would like to make a reservation to attend.

Payment is required NO LATER THAN: 3 June 2014, please reply by 1 June 2014.

See you at the Ballpark!!!

Reservation Form on Page 13

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Kathleen Nowroozani, JN

District 5 Calendar

- 21 Feb Officer Training California, MD
- 27-29 March Spring Conference and COW Ocean City, MD
- 1-2 May CoOp Charting Training NOAA
- 20 May Del River Educational Cruise MV Ben Franklin

Vessel Safety Check

Delhigh has received 2015 VSC stickers so members should feel free to contact an examiner this spring as soon as they are ready to open their boat and have an examination done.

Examiners can get 2015 stickers from P/C Michael Lebeduik, III.

Safety

While you have time during the winter, take the time to check your gear and make sure that it is in good working order! Check your fire extinguisher and don't for get to make sure that you replace it when it is more than 7 years old, the date is on the bottom. Check your PFDs for rips or tears or mold and make sure that all of your zippers and snaps are working. Check the date on your flares. Make sure that all of the gear that you brought home is ready to go out as soon as it's warm enough to open her up and then you can have fun without worrying about your gear. This way, if it's not up to par, you have plenty of time to order new gear before boating season begins! Boat safe and boat fun! EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Doug Mckenzie, JN

The season for boating is over, but the season for Delhigh's educational classes is just heating up! We are teaching the ABC class on 10 and 17 January 2015 at Peters Marine and have 31 students for the class! This is one of our bigger classes and it looks like we will be getting some new members from it! Thanks to all our dedicated teaches for making this happen!

Our new Piloting graduates are ready for Advanced Piloting, so that class will begin on 20 January at 1900. We will be meeting at the church the first week, then decide if we want to move the class to someone's house.

USPS® has made three seminars available for online instruction. They are Weather for Boaters, Partner in Command, and Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes. These seminars can be taken at your convenience, and I encourage you all to give them a look and spread the word about them to your friends. We are looking at running the Trailering Seminar as well, very early in the spring.

During this off season, I encourage all of you to upgrade your skills and get involved in USPS education! We have a lot to offer!



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C Keith Knoblach, S

Well, November and December were fun filled times for Delhigh. The Annual Delhigh Road Rally on 15 November was attended by 44 people from six squadrons from the D/5 conference: Annapolis, Delaware River, Delhigh, Dundalk, Kent Narrows, and Mainline, as well as the Corvette Club, and friends and family. Thirty-nine participated in the rally. Congratulations to Team Verizon for first place, Team Rhoades, second place, and the Corvette Club for third place. To all who participated, WELL DONE, and thank you for making it a fun day.

P/C Joe Stemrich and Camilla Stemrich performed in the Northampton Community College Holiday Winter Concert on 5 December 2014. They did a wonderful duet, and we applaud your talent.

The Delhigh Holiday Party was 13 December 2014, at Beck's Land and Sea Restaurant and was attended by 28 people, consisting of members, family, and guests. The food was very good, the room was small, but a good time was had by all. Thank you to all who donated gifts to Toys for Tots.

An Executive Meeting was held 11 January 2015 to work on 2015 event calendar. We have a lot planned this year and hope everyone can join us as much as possible. See the Calendar of Events in this issue of Delhighlights.

The Founders Day Meeting, 4 February 2015 will be held at 1800 at the Palace Restaurant, 3250 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa. The cost is \$20.00 per person for the meal.

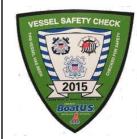
The Lehigh Valley Phantoms Hockey Game will be 13 February on Hamilton St. in Allentown, Pa. The cost of tickets is \$21.00 per person. Hope to see you there.

Delhigh's Change-Of-Watch is 21 March, 2015, at 1800, and will be held at Bear Creek Ski Resort, 101 Doe Mountain Lane, Macungie, Pa. 18062. The cost of banquet is \$49.00 per person. More details are in this issue of *Delhighlights*. The D/5 Change- Of- Watch and Spring Conference is 26-29 March 2015 in Ocean City, MD.

The April Monthly Delhigh Meeting (and Easter leftovers pot luck is 8 April 2015, at1830 at Holy Trinity Church, Bethlehem Pa. Bring your leftovers from Easter to share with all.

On 18 April 2015 the Sock Burning Party will be at the Lebeduik's residence. More details to be announced.

There are more activities planned this year, hope to see you this year. We hope you had a Happy Holiday, and have a Happy and Safe New Year.



Vessel Safety Corner

P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN

It is that time to think about what has to be done to your

vessel to be in compliance with State and Federal Regulations.

Here is a check list to go over before having a Vessel Safety Check:

- 1. Registration number properly displayed
- 2. Registration / Documentation
- 3. Personal Flotation Devices
- 4. Visual Distress Signals
- 5. Fire Extinguishers
- 6. Ventilation
- 7. Backfire Flame Control
- 8. Sound Producing Devices / Bell
- 9. Navigation Lights
- **10.Pollution Placard**
- 11. MARPOL Trash Placard
- 12. Marine Sanitation Devices
- 13.Navigation Rules
- 14. State and Local Requirements
- 15. Overall Vessel Condition

You will be awarded a 2015 VSC Decal upon passing the Vessel Safety Check.

Please give one of the Vessel Safety Examiners a call to have your boat checked.

DELHIGH POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE 2014-15

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Tow riders safely Be wary of CO emissions

Today's power boaters can tow an array of recreational devices behind their boats, from the thrilling wakeboards, wake skates and kneeboards, all with special tow rings and lines, to the more relaxing rafts and inner tubes.

Because of their popularity, towable devices call for extra care and attention to ensure rider safety. In addition to having everyone wear appropriately sized life jackets at all times, boaters should prepare for the unexpected—towlines coming loose and hidden obstructions that bounce riders around.

The exhaust from a gasoline-powered tow boat can be dangerous. According to the Center for Disease Control, open-air carbon monoxide exposure to exhaust from gasoline-powered generators on houseboats can cause serious illness and death; however, CO poisoning resulting from direct exposure to CO in the exhaust of a ski boat or recreational towing boat can also occur.

Says the CDC, "Ambient CO concentrations have been measured as high as 27,000 parts per million (ppm) in the stern of boats involved in CO-poisoning fatalities. In comparison, the World Health Organization has set a ceiling limit on a person's exposure to CO at 87 ppm during a 15-minute interval."

So when you buy that cute little towable device for the kids or grandchildren, be extra careful that they're nowhere near the source of emissions while you're idling and helping them get ready for an afternoon of fun or when you're hauling them onto the swim step after they're finished. *–Pam Gibson*, USPS Compass



Come for the boating education.... stay for the friends

D/5 NEWS



2015 D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE

"CHARTING THE WAY"

By P/C Art Walz, AP

Mid Potomac Sail and Power Squadron

The 2015 D/5 Spring Conference will again be held at the Princes Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD, and will take place on the weekend of 26 – 29 March 2015.

A number of exciting events and special activities are being planned, along with lots of workshops, seminars, awards presentation, meetings, cocktail parties, and more. Did I mention the cocktail parties?

Please plan to join us for the world's most famous Friday night squadron hospitality suite, "Pub Crawl." Celebrate the successes and accomplishments of fellow D/5 and squadron members, and learn about what's being planned for the District for 2015.



The Cooperative Charting Committee has received Board of Directors approval to reestablish the popular **Geodetic Mark Recovery Program**. The program was discontinued several years ago because it lacked the necessary quality control. The new program provides that control. The new program provides that control. The committee intends to launch the program in early 2015. Details will be forthcoming in future issues of the USPS News Blast, on our website and in the Sail Angle Geodetic Mark Recovery group. **Email: John Rodgers**

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Nautical Trivia

"This early work may have included the first 'red sky in the morning, sailor take warning' weather forecast with its verse, "When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather for the sky is red. And in the morning it will be foul weather today for the sky is red and lowring". What is the title of the work from which this verse is taken?"

"The two most contrasting colors, black and white, are the predominant pattern of lighthouses on the southern East Coast of the U. S. However, as you move north along the coast, red and white become the favored color patterns. Why?"

"When a forecaster predicts seas of 5-7 feet, it means that a certain percentage of waves will be in that height range. What is the percentage used?"

"In addition to being the proper size and type, CG approved, fully charged, readily accessible, and in good condition, what else does a portable fire extinguisher have to be in order to meet U. S. Federal boating requirements?"

ANSWERS BELOW:

high." Answer: Mounted in an approved bracket

for a wary watchstander. Answer" A prediction of "seas 3-5 feet" means that 70% of the waves are expected to be between three and five feet

Answer: The Bible (Matthew Chapter 16, versus 2-3) Answer: Swirling snowdrifts and deep winter shadows can create a very deceptive shoreline on the northern east coast, sometimes resembling black and white lighthouse patterns. Red takes much of the guesswork out of shoreline interpretation IronPigs Baseball Game



Reservation Form

We plan to attend the IronPigs Baseball Game on Tuesday, 7 July 2015

7 July 2015

Please respond / commit by: 1 June 2015

Payment due by: 3 June 2015

Name

(s):____

Number of Tickets:_____@ \$37.00 = _____

Total Enclosed

(Checks payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron)

Send to: Kathleen Nowroozani

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2015-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Founders Day Meeting Wednesday, 4 February Palace Restaurant 1800

Phantoms Game Friday, 13 February PPL Center 1905

Officer Training Saturday, 21 February South Maryland Higher Educational Center 1000 - 1600

> St Patty's Day Celebration Sunday, 15 March McKenzie Residence 1400

Delhigh Change of Watch Saturday, 21 March Bear Creek Ski Resort 1800

D/5 Change of Watch 26-29 March Ocean City, MD

April Meeting and Easter Leftovers Pot Luck Wednesday, 8 April Holy Trinity Church 1830

> Sock Burning Saturday, 18 April Lebeduik Residence 1700

Beer Tasting Sunday, 26 April TBD

May Meeting and Hors d'oeurves Wednesday, 6 May Holy Trinity Church 1830

> Brunch Saturday, 9 May TBD

Beltzville Lake Clean Up and VSC Saturday, 16 May Beltzville Lake 900

Delaware River Educational Cruise Wednesday, 20 May M/V Ben Franklin, Philadelphia, PA

> Ice Cream Social Wednesday, 3 June Nowroozani Pool 1800

P/C Stemrich's Birthday BBQ Saturday, June 6 Stemrich Residence TBA

> Summer Rendezvous 25-28 June Miles River

July Monthly Membership Meeting Tuesday, 7July 2015 Coca Cola Park 1805

> Social Hour Tuesday, 21 July Botelho Residence 1800

August Poolside Meeting and BBQ Wednesday, 5 August Nowroozani Pool 1800

> Musikfest Mania Wednesday, 12 August Hotel Bethlehem 1800

September Meeting and Chili Cook-off Wednesday, 2 September Holy Trinity Church 1830

Board Game Night or Hayride Saturday, 19 September TBD Oktoberfest Social Saturday, 10 October Norris Residence 1700

Corn Maze Saturday, 24 October TBA

November Monthly Meeting Wednesday, 4 November TBA 1800

Sporting Clays Saturday, 7 November Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays 1000

Road Rally Saturday, 14 November TBA

Christmas Party Saturday, 12 December TBA

January Meeting and New Recipes Pot Luck Wednesday, 6 January 2016 Holy Trinity Church 1830

> Phantoms Hockey Game 42370 TBD

Founders Day Meeting Wednesday, 3 February 2016 TBD 1800

Happy Hour Friday, 12 February 2016 Corcoran Residence TBD

Bowling Saturday, 20 February 2016 TBD