

REMARKS, ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS OF
U.S. POWER SQUADRONS, DISTRICT 5
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

July 31, 1965

Lt. Governor Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Kellam, Commander Crawford, Lt. Commander Carski, Lt. Commander Shirk, distinguished guests and ladies and gentlemen:

It was most kind of you to extend to Mrs. Tawes and me, and to our guests, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles John R. Jewell and Mrs. Jewell, Maryland's Commissioner of Personnel Russell S. Davis and Mrs. Davis, and to my granddaughter, Miss Lynn Wilson, an invitation to join you at this annual rendezvous here in Norfolk. I assure you that we all were most anxious to be present here today because we share your love of the ships and the sea and because we deeply appreciate the dedicated efforts of the United States Power Squadrons to make the waterways of our State and nation safe for recreation. I can assure you further that it is not our intention of participating in the contests that are to be held later today. A brief review of the history of your organization indicates that squadrons based in Annapolis already have captured the "Old Sourpuss" trophy twice. Our participation in today's contests would only assure that Annapolis would once again be represented by the winner of this portrait that is traditionally presented to the last crew in the contest.

During the past seven years, I have had the privilege of serving as chief executive of a State, that perhaps more than any other, is blessed with an abundance of water for its economic and recreational well-being. I have, therefore, come to appreciate the many contributions that have been made by the Power Squadrons in permitting us in Maryland to take maximum advantage of our water resources with safety.

It has been said, and I am confident that it is true, that the seafood resources of the Chesapeake are sufficient to feed the entire nation of Japan. It is equally true, I am sure, that the recreational potential of the waters in this region are sufficient to satisfy the demands of millions of sportsmen for many years to come. One need only cross the Chesapeake Bay or the Potomac, Patuxent, Delaware or James Rivers by either boat, ferry or bridge to determine the increasing interest that is being evidenced in boating today.

Thousands of landlubbers with leisure time are looking to the sea