



ABC Northern Virginia—NVSPS Visits the National Museum of the Marine Corps

On Friday, 16 June, 2023, the ABC Northern Virginia-NVSPS enjoyed a trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. Squadron members met up for the tour and viewed the expertly curated exhibits paying tribute to the commitment, achievements and sacrifice of the US Marines. The world class exhibits incorporated unique artifacts and innovative technology to showcase the sights and sounds of the Marines in action.

It was the first time in about 3 years that the Squadron has taken a group tour. Our thanks go to Evelyn and Gale Alls, as well as Jean and Dick Durgin for making the arrangements and disseminating invitations and information about the trip. We look forward to experiencing more group tours. Hope to see you next time!



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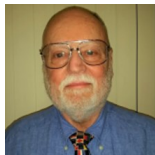
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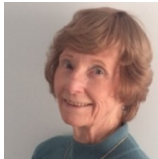


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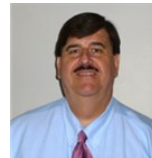


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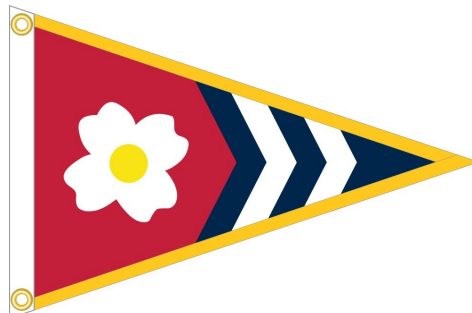


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Meeting Information

If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a Bridge Officer for confirmation of in-person meeting prior to heading out.

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each month, with the following exceptions:

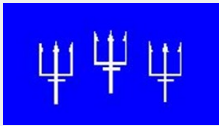
May meeting held at Spring Picnic; October meeting held at Fall Picnic—No Zoom available

No meetings in August and December

Location: Alexandria Police Headquarters, Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 at 1930 hours, also accessible via Zoom. Login information will be distributed via email and available from Bridge Officers.

Executive Committee Meetings (when deemed necessary):

4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 1900 hours



Commander's Message



July 2023

Hello Squadron members,

I hope you all are enjoying the summer season. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to ensure your member profile is accurate. Review and update your personal information on file by visiting: [Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron home page \(nvsp.org\)](http://nvsp.org) to login and access your personal information. Scroll down and click on your name to see your details. Then click at the bottom to make any necessary changes.



It's been a busy time for our Squadron. We enjoyed our annual Spring Picnic at the Fairfax Yacht Club on 20 May 2023. During the meeting, ABC Northern Virginia was recognized for Distinctive Performance both for our website (thanks to our Webmaster, Walt Lazear) as well as our newsletter, "of Tars & Terns." We also made the Honor Roll for contributing to the USPS Educational Fund. Special congratulations goes to Cathy Sheffield, who earned her 25th Merit Mark, which is a lifetime achievement award. Much appreciation to our Merit Marks Chairperson, Jean Durgin for her work in making sure that our Squadron members receive their Merit Marks. Thanks to all who attended our Spring Picnic.

We had the pleasure of visiting the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. It was nice to get together to enjoy a tour honoring our US Marines. I would like to thank our Secretary, Evelyn Alls, Gale Alls, Jean Durgin and Dick Durgin for making the arrangements. We appreciate everyone who was able to join us.

If you have any suggestions/recommendations for future projects, outings, events, etc., please feel free to contact me at commander@nvsp.org. I'd be happy to hear from you!

Cdr Denise Robinson



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* NVSPS Member Birthdays *



July

Samuel Barr	01	Edward Jones	03
Michael D. O'Dell	11	Douglas E. Layne	24

August

Fred Zugay	04	Mary Jane Dodson	23
	Denise Robinson		23



JOIN THE SEA SCOUTS

Sea Scout units—called ships—are established all across the country on oceans, bays, rivers and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won't find anywhere else. Sea Scouts is a place to grow, learn, find adventure and build long-lasting friendships.

Programs are for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. Visit us online at: <https://www.seascoutship1942.org>



ABC Northern Virginia Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Update

Thus far, our Squadron has registered 53 vessel safety checks. The number includes vessels that needed an additional check to correct issues in order to meet safety requirements. More requests for safety checks continue to come in. Our Certified Vessel Examiners are busy working with various marinas throughout Northern Virginia. Thank you very much to our Examiners P/C Gale Alls, SN; P/C Rich Unis, JN and VSC Chair, Doug Craig.

The VSC program is a very important ongoing public service effort sponsored by the USCG Auxiliary, America's Boating Club and BoatUS. Please feel free to ask for a free vessel safety check by contacting Doug Craig, ABC Northern Virginia VSC Chair at dcraig48@comcast.net or call 703-447-4706.



GET WELL SOON WISHES

ABC Northern Virginia would like to wish our Treasurer, P/C Fred Zugay, JN, a full and speedy recovery from his most recent illness. We appreciate all the years of service and hard work Fred has done and continues to do for our Squadron. We also recognize Fred's wife Cindy. We wish her continued courage and strength as she supports Fred's recuperation. Both Fred and Cindy will remain in our thoughts and prayers while he rehabilitates, getting restored to full health.



Next ABC Northern Virginia General Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1930 hours

Alexandria Police Headquarters—Community Room

3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304



America's Boating Channel Reminder:

Knowledge of the Navigation Rules Helps Prevent Boating Accidents

As we prepare to celebrate July Fourth, don't forget that knowledge of the rules of navigation helps prevent boating accidents. If you need a refresher before getting out on the water, you can access an invaluable library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. These videos are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find exactly what you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.



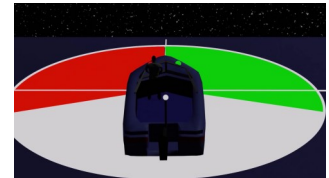
For example, Season Four's "["Behavioral Consequences"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s>) video covers the importance to recreational boat operators of having a working knowledge of the navigation rules. Viewers learn about the dangers of not following the rules of the road. Also featured are tips for responsible boating. Boating responsibly can lead to lasting memories, while bad boating behaviors can cause issues ranging from mere embarrassment to major catastrophe.



America's Boating Channel™ produced a sequel to this video in Season Five titled "["Collision Avoidance"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wqjE&t=1s) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wqjE&t=1s>), which covers the most basic and essential navigation rules. Viewers learn how to determine stand-on and give-way vessels in various circumstances. It also features tips for steering clear of potentially dangerous situations. For example, at night not using navigation lights or not learning how to interpret them can lead to incidents with more serious outcomes

than during the day. Again, these two videos are good refreshers before visiting your local waterway at a time of year when it will be most crowded.

You can follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which also are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.



In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



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