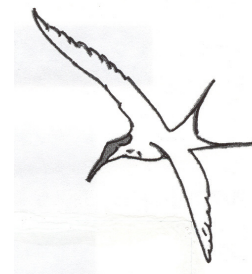




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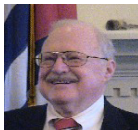
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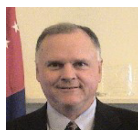
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Calendar of NVSPS Meetings and Events

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- 28 EXCOM Meeting

February

- 11 All Hands Meeting
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- 17 – 22 USPS Annual Meeting

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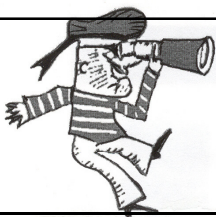
Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS* Headquarters facility at 1900. Any changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron web site.

BoatUS Headquarters and meeting location:

880 South Pickett Street, Alexandria VA. From the Capital Beltway, take the VA-613/ Van Dorn Street exit, exit number 173 (aka exit 3), towards Franconia. Turn left onto South Van Dorn Street / VA-613 North. Turn left onto South Pickett Street. Go less than .5 miles and turn in at the BoatUS sign and go to the lighted parking lot in the rear. Proceed to the entrance.



**Do you or one of your friends need a vessel checked?
Or want to become an examiner yourself?
J. Van Senden, John@Southerngirl.net**



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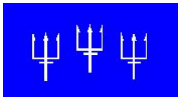
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Commander Sends . . .

Well, here we are entering the fall season and the frost is on the pumpkin! For boaters that means one thing, our thoughts are shifting from deciding where we will go this weekend on our boats to arranging for winterization and scheduling the 'pull date' for those who go on the hard. As you begin the transition of your thinking from fun time on the water to what to do this winter, do look over the wonderful selection of courses and seminars which our Education Department has put together. Rich Unis and his team have created a delightful selection of offerings for the winter season so that you can enjoy the learning and enhance your understanding of fun, safe boating.

On a business note, the Squadron has adopted a set of revised bylaws. Principal among the changes are an earlier reporting of the Nominating Committee of the new Officers, some clarification on our elected committees, and lowering the quorum for the business meeting so that the shrinking attendance at meetings does not preclude us from taking important actions. Thanks to Past Commanders Paula Bailey and Gale Alls for a Herculean task well done, and same to the members of the Rules Committee and Joel Bailey, all of whom helped immensely. They may be viewed on our new and enhanced Website at www.nvsps.org Walt Lazear has done a superb job redeveloping our website, and for those who missed the Oktoberfest meeting, as Commander I had the honor of presenting to Walt his 25 year membership pin. Thanks, Walt, for all you have done and continue to do for the Squadron and USPS.

We had a terrific time at our Oktoberfest and the several dozen members who attended enjoyed some terrific dishes which were provided by our members. It always puzzles me why we only get 15-20 percent of our members at these great feasts which satiate the palate from the first sip through the last bite of scrumptious desserts. Sue and John Karjala were impeccable hosts for this event, providing a wide variety of German wines and beers which delighted us all. They will be hosting the Christmas Party too on Saturday, Dec 13 and by now you should have received a notice. Do make this one, it's a must -- and you have that from a good authority that the Karjala's will once again outperform!

Santa will be visiting us at the Christmas Party, and do we have a gigantic role reversal going on here! This year I propose that instead of Santa bringing gifts for us, all participants in the Christmas Party bring along an unwrapped gift for a child, any type of gift that you think an underprivileged child would enjoy -- especially if it might be the only gift that child will receive this Christmas. The gift need not be expensive, sometimes there is a lot of pleasure in simple things and \$5 or \$10 gifts are perfectly adequate. However if you wish to buy a game or more expensive gift, that too is welcomed. We all will present our gifts to Santa on the 13th, and the Squadron will then donate all of the collected items to Toys for Tots. You all know the old adage, "It is in giving that we receive."



The kids will really be happy, and you will find the joy of giving to those less fortunate this Christmas Season.

But I say more of the Christmas Party, let me mention another items that I would urge you get on your calendar, and help build the sense of community that makes NVSPS one of the best Squadrons in the entire USPS. On Wednesday Nov 12 at BoatUS in Alexandria we will have our monthly meeting. Longstanding members Robin and Jim Roberts have just completed several months traveling up the east coast from Florida to Nova Scotia, they spent weeks cruising throughout the Canadian waters. They will regale us with tales of adventure and they will share some extraordinary pictures of the wilderness, wild life, sunsets and their venturesome exploits.

So, to the average member I have a question: How about planning to come to either the next meeting or the Christmas Party to foster your quest for fun and new boating knowledge?. Better still, how about coming on out both Wed Nov 12 and again on Saturday evening, Dec 13?

By the way, the cost for the Christmas Party for a scrumptious dinner, an excellent opportunity to help a child this Christmas with your gift, commanders locker so you only pay for the mixer and a great DJ who knows the kind of dance music we most enjoy, is only \$25 per-person. Simply, it's a price performer! And, your first mate will appreciate the romantic evening dancing and mixing with some of the most congenial and fun loving boaters that at the NVSPS Christmas Party.

Marge and I look forward to seeing you then.

George K Degnon, P
NVSPS Squadron Commander



LNM: 40/08

The Coast Guard is soliciting comments on changing the aid type and name of West River Lighted Buoy 1A (LLNR 19465) to West River Light 3 (LLNR 19465). Water depths of approximately 12 feet in this area will be better served by a fixed aid. The new lights position and flash characteristic, Flashing Green 2.5 second (Fl G 2.5s) will remain.

Send comments to:

Commander

Fifth Coast Guard District

431 Crawford Street, Rm.100

Portsmouth, VA. 23704

Attn.: Albert Grimes Or email to: Albert.L.Grimes@uscg.mil

Chart: 12270



Executive Officer - Ron Larson

The Executive Office has had a busy October. As was reported in last month's OTT the Boat Show at Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly was held as scheduled Oct 3-5. This office was notified on the 22nd of September that NVSPS would be provided a booth. This got things going and a number of members including, P/C Gale Alls, XO Ron Larson, Legislative Liaison Chair Tom Martin, AO John Karjala, P/C Dick Durgin, P/C John Shivik, P/C Keith Segerson and friend Janet Young and Boat Show Chair Francis Williamson, who picked-up after some down time and got the word out that we needed members to serve watches for our booth. Francis also served a long watch on Sunday.

Gale Alls and Ron Larson set-up the NVSPS booth on Thursday Oct. 2 and Ron and Donna Larson closed up the booth on Sunday Oct. 5 and stored the display material for use another day. PR Chair Frank Shults, SEO Rich Unis and P/C John Shivik were a big help in getting updated material prepared for the show.

It should be noted that all the people mentioned above put in considerable time and deserve a big thanks for jumping in and helping out at such short notice.

This Fall Boat Show had not been tried in the D.C. area before by the show organizers and was a tryout. It may or may not be presented next Fall. Francis Williamson will keep us up to date on this and the Spring Show.

The October International Pot Luck at Fairfax Yacht Club was a big success.

The Executive Office Committees are active and each will be reported on as activities occur.

Have a good Fall Boating season and hope you get your boat winterized in time for the Winter Season. This is a good time to catch up on boating courses that you didn't have time for last season.

Lt/C Ron Larson, P
NVSPS Executive Officer



CURMUDGEON'S OBSERVATION

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." -- John Wooden





Please Join Us At The
Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron's
Holiday Dinner Dance

When: **Saturday, 13 December 2008**
Where: **The American Legion**

3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030 (Located in Fairfax City)

6:30 pm: Social /Cocktails (Commander's Locker & cash bar)
Soda/setups: \$1.00 per glass; Beer: \$3.00/domestic & \$4.00/imported; Wine:
\$3.00 per glass

7:30 pm: Dining and Dinner Music
Delicious Prime Rib/ Baked Chicken Breast, Salad, Green Beans Almandine, Mixed
Vegetables, Potatoes Au Gratin, Rolls, Dessert, & Coffee

8:30 to 11:00 pm: Dancing

Music by Kevin & Melanie, DJs – Santa and Mrs. Santa – FUN!
\$25.00 per person for an evening of Holiday Celebration
Bring your friends and relatives – all are invited!
Note: Limited space – sign up early!

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NVSPS Holiday Dinner Dance Reservation

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Guests: _____

YES! I will attend the Holiday Dinner Dance on 13 December 2008

_____ persons X \$25.00 each = \$ _____ Total

NOTE: Please make your check payable to NVSPS and mail it with this form
Prior to 17 November 2008 to:
LT/C John Karjala, 13811 Lowry Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151-2015
Questions? Call 703-818-8676



Administrative Officer – John Karjala

Holiday Party Update. The Holiday Party is scheduled for 13 DEC 08, from 1830 to 2400, at the large Ballroom, American Legion Facility, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax City. There will be plenty of elbow room with 12 round tables seating 6 to a table. The evening time line is: Social: 1830 to 1930; Dinner: 1930 to 2030; and DJ music: 1900 to 2300; and Bar from 1830 to 23:30. Pay as you drink bar for set-ups, wine, soft drinks and beer sold by American Legion, but we will have the Commander's NVSPS Liquor Locker at the Bar location to keep the mixed drinks at the cost of the mixes. Cost will be \$1.00 for sodas and mix.

Another excellent buffet dinner is on tap: Two entree selections - Prime Rib and Baked Chicken Breast. In addition to the meat entrees are two vegetables: green beans almandine or mixed vegetables; potatoes au gratin; salad; rolls; butter; and coffee. An appetizing dessert will be our dining finale.

Entertainment will be provided by Kevin and Melanie, those DJ's that did such a grand toe-tapping job last year. To round out the evening, in addition to the DJ dinner and dance music, we expect a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa.

See the flyer attached to this *of Tars and Terns*, clip off the bottom portion, and complete it with your name and the names of your spouse, best friend, and guests. Send that form with a check covering \$25 per person to the Administrative Officer now. Please do not delay. Those seats will be going fast for this always festive holiday party.

International Pot Luck aka the Oktoberfest Past Party Report. The Squadron's Annual International Potluck otherwise known as the "Oktoberfest" was held at the Fairfax Yacht Club, Mason Neck, Virginia, on 8 October 08, at 19:00 hrs. Squadron charged \$5.00 per couple or \$2.50 for singles. The Commander's Locker was present as well as German and Australian wine, German and American beer, and beverages.

The wursts were wonderful. Food was plentiful. Everyone attending brought a hot or cold dish, salad, or dessert, so variety was only surpassed by the exciting international flavors presented for the feast.

Advertising for the event included a report in the *of Tars & Terns*. Reservation forms also were sent out to two hundred current NVSPS members via the Postal Service. In addition, a reminder was included in an e-mail subject: "All Hands Meeting Wednesday 10 September 2008," sent to all members with an up-to-date e-mail address on 9 Sep 08. The Squadron decorated the Fairfax Yacht Club facilities with an international décor including table cloths with place settings, international music, and the ever popular 50-50 drawing. We wish to thank Mr. Gayle Wix, Commodore of the Fairfax Yacht Club, who graciously authorized use of the club's facilities. Beyond the bill of fare and the camaraderie was a short business meeting. A great time was had by all.



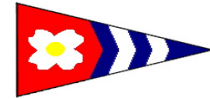
November Membership Meeting:

DON'T MISS OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Robin and Jim Roberts will give a presentation about their summer cruise in Maine and Nova Scotia at the 12 November monthly meeting. Fog and lobster pots presented small challenges compared to the beauty of northern waters - whales, sea birds, seals, scenery, and wonderful people. They are now cruising full-time and will be in our area this fall, before heading south for the winter months. They proudly fly the NVSPS burgee from their 49' DeFever Pilothouse trawler ADVENTURES."



SHIP's STORE



Need a new burgee for your boat? How about a tote bag or sports shirt?

Contact: Robie Shivik e-mail: JSHIVIK@VERIZON.NET



Launch Your Holiday Greetings by 12 Nov.!

Share the joy of the Holiday Season with your fellow squadron members by posting a message in the December issue of *of Tars & Terns*. Just make a tax-deductible contribution of any amount to the NVSPS Flower Power Fund. Your donation will become part of the Flower Power Fund, the interest from which supports squadron educational and other programs.

Examples of messages are "Happy Holidays and Safe Voyages in the New Year from the crew of ----" and "Blue Skies and Fair Winds in the New Year from ----"

Mail the form below with your check payable to NVSPS Flower Power Fund **by 12 November 2008** to Dick Durgin, 308 George Street SW, Vienna VA 22180. You will receive a receipt by mail. Questions? Call Dick at 703-560-9106. Thanks!

Please include my holiday message in the December *of Tars & Terns*!

Name/address: _____

Tax Deductible Donation: \$ _____

(Check enclosed payable to NVSPS Flower Power Fund.)

My holiday message:

Dock Talk



The new Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron (NVSPS) website is now operational at www.nvsps.org. It can also be reached via the old address for a while, to allow pointers in printed material to still be relevant. At some point National will stop hosting our old stuff (including the redirection file) and we'll have just the new address (www.nvsps.org). But for now we're flexible.

DON'T MAKE THIS MISTAKE

A court has ruled that a boat advertised on an internet auction site must be handed over for just €22.50 (\$30 US) after the seller forgot to set a minimum price for it. Jakob Kauder had expected to sell his 21ft boat for at least €12,000 (\$16,000 US) when he placed it on a German auction site. When he realized his mistake he tried to retract the boat from auction on the site, citing "technical problems" and "errors" on the website. Judges in Köln ruled that the sale was legally binding, however, because no reserve price had been placed on the boat. A court spokesman said, "The seller must make good on his offer. He can't say after the fact that he didn't want to sell." -- Motor Boats Monthly, <http://www.ybw.com/auto/newsdesk/20080913174020mbmnews.html>



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2004 Light List Volume 1 Alert

The 2004 Light List Vol.1 Atlantic Coast (covering St. Croix River, ME to Shrewsbury River, NJ) has a serious defect in at least some of the published copies. Pages 163 thru 194 (32 pages) are not the pages for Vol. 1 covering SW MA coast and all RI coast and bays, but are in fact the pages from Vol. 3 and cover the SW coast of FL (Sanibel thru Tampa Bay).



MORNING LIGHT HAD THE BEST... SAMSON

Samson rigging lines Warp Speed and Flavored Ice made their film debut in the Disney production Morning Light, which opened in select theaters on October 17. The journey of 15 young sailors from 18 to 23 years old is documented in the film as they race Roy Disney's state-of-the-art 52' yacht Morning Light against professional sailors in the Transpac 2007. Chief rigger for the yacht, Scott Easom said, "I was given the responsibility of helping those kids safely to Hawaii. Since I couldn't be on board with them, I sent them out there with the best: Samson." For more information visit <http://disney.go.com/disneypictures/morninglight> and <http://www.samsonrope.com>

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Turn Left on S. Pickett

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