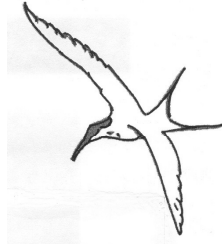




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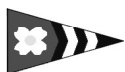
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May

- 13 All Hands Meeting
- 14 EXCOM Operations Training
- 16 Spring Family Picnic
- 16-23 Safe Boating Week Activities
- 22-25 Squadron Rendezvous
- 27 EXCOM Meeting

June

- 10 All Hands Meeting
- 24 EXCOM Meeting

July

- 8 All Hands Meeting
- 14-16 Squadron Cruise – Travel as a Group
- 17-23 District 5 Cruise
- 123-26 District 5 Summer Rendezvous and Council
- 22 EXCOM Meeting



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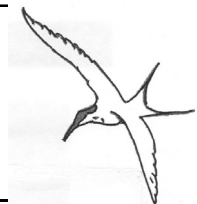
Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS* Headquarters facility at 1900. Any changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron web site.

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.



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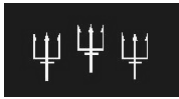
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Commander Sends . . .

Cdr Francis T. Williamson, AP

NVSPS Wins Prestigious Award

The Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron received the District Commander's Award for Excellence in Community Service at the D5 Spring Conference held in Ocean City on March 27-28, 2009.

D5 Cdr. J. Brian Becker, AP presented the award in recognition of NVSPS's hosting wounded warriors from Walter Reed Hospital to cruises on the Chesapeake Bay, collecting holiday toys and food for deserving families in GA and other community service efforts.

In accepting the award on behalf of NVSPS, Cdr. Francis T. Williamson remarked that "it was a proud moment for me personally and for the squadron as a service organization. Our community service programs reflect strong squadron values and I am very proud of the members who give so selflessly of their time and energy to help others both on the water and through our boating education classes."

Cdr Williamson (L) and P/C Degnon (R) are shown holding the trophy at the D5 Spring Conference banquet. PC Degnon conceived the programs last year and was instrumental in guiding the efforts to such a successful conclusion.



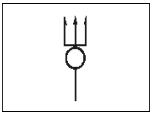
A New USPS Approach to Marketing Our Educational Offerings was presented by National at the D5 Spring Conference. *National conducted significant analysis to determine USPS strength's, challenges and assess the best approach roadmap for going forward., Strategically, USPS must move from a dues organization to a marketing organization as stated below:*

"The United States Power Squadrons is the premiere nationwide information source for novice and expert boaters, providing boating education for boating safety and connections with other boaters".

More importantly, we are unique service organization and provide the highest quality boating education of any nationally offered organization. The quality is measurable, the topics are comprehensive, covering "On-The -Water" experiences and extend beyond "minimum basic curriculum" to USPS University with 13 courses and 18+ seminars not offered in any other program. USPS is upgrading our image and proactively seeking the next generations of boaters. This direct customer interface starts right here in the squadron with you.

We Save Lives!





The Editor's moment . . . *Stf/C Richard P. Davis, AP*

I have received several inquiries from members as to why we do not have a small classified section. It is possible, however we would have to have some restrictions as to size and duration. There should be no charge for the advertisement and it will be short in length.

If you are interested in having this feature, please let me know at:
rpdavis1702@comcast.net.

Regards
Richard,



Memorial Day Rendezvous – by P/C George Degnon

Joel Bailey and George Degnon are beginning to make plans for a Memorial Day Rendezvous to the Municipal Docks at Cambridge which should be a convenient location for most folks on the Bay. Please put May 22-25 on hold, it is Memorial Day weekend so it gives us a 3 day weekend for our festivities. Arrivals can be planned for Friday afternoon or Saturday depending upon work schedules, and we will have Monday (national holiday) for the cruise back to home ports.

I did speak with Cambridge Municipal Dock and have placed a hold on a group of slips until we will eventually finalize arrangements for reserving a slip for each of you who will be coming. Details will follow as we get the details of our weekend outlined. Joel Bailey and I are working on the Cruise Planning this season and we invite others to join our committee. We are going to do some boating this season and enjoy the heck out of the Bay. Everyone is invited to join us as committee members or active participants on the cruises.

Cambridge Municipal Docks are right in downtown Cambridge, in earlier years a thriving town with a railroad terminal, a busy fishing industry, and antebellum homes now undergoing some amazing rehabilitation. The town is one of those sleepy places that is fun to walk around, always interesting things to see in shops and on the streets, there are several superb restaurants only 2-3 blocks from the docks, and there is a crab packing plant just 2 blocks from docks—we will check out if they are open on weekends for a tour. We will have our traditional receptions each evening with the Commanders Locker and I suspect if we treat our first mates right, they will share some of those delicious things they all know how to whip up so easily.

Do let us know if you may be interested (even if it's tentative) so that we might put you on a list for updates, get your input on some plans for the weekend, and watch oT&T for further details.

In addition, the 2009 USCG Light List Volume Two

<<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/LightLists.htm>> is available for download and is updated to Local Notice (53-2009) as is a summary of corrections

<<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/Corrections/V2D05.pdf>> .

The Local Notice to Mariners, Light List, and Summary of Corrections are posted weekly and require Adobe Acrobat Reader to view. You can download a free copy of Acrobat Reader at:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>



Education Officer - Richard E. Unis

Your education department has been very busy this spring. We are currently teaching three concurrent Squadron Boating Courses in McLean, Chantilly and Springfield to over 40 students. A Seamanship course is also ongoing in Fairfax. Another Squadron Boating Course will be taught in May in Ashburn. We are also busy planning our summer curriculum, to include the Squadron Boating Course offerings and more seminars.

The Boat Handling Under Power seminar and the Knots, Bends & Hitches seminar are both on the calendar for Saturday, May 30th. (See last month's newsletter for a detailed description of each of these seminars). They will be held at George Mason University Offices in Fairfax City (the details are listed below). The Boat Handling Under Power seminar will run from 0900-1130. There will be an hour for lunch and then the Knots, Bends & Hitches seminar will run from 1230 - 1500. Each seminar costs \$35 individually or you can sign up for both and receive a \$10 total discount! Come earn credit towards the on-the-water Boat Operator Certification (I will dedicate a future article on this new certification program).

Congratulations to the following members who successfully completed the Piloting exam and earned the Grade of P:

Lisa Carlson (Sea Scout), Ronald Carlson, Lindsey Belian (Sea Scout), Erin Gallagher (Sea Scout), Johanna Kehoe, David Green, Patrick Haurie (Sea Scout), Paula Haurie, Kaitlynn Menoche (Sea Scout), Claire Ryberg (from the Rockville Sail & Power Squadron), David Siebs, Alexander Lieberman (Sea Scout), Nancy Lieberman, Margaret Bond and Mark Anderson.

Remember to check our website at www.nvsps.org for the current roster of classes and to register. Sign up now for the following seminars:

Seminar: Boat Handling Under Power (One Session - Saturday morning)

Description: This seminar will teach you how to handle your boat with skill and confidence. It focuses on docking and the effects of wind and current, departing a slip, using helm and engine throttles for slow-speed maneuvers, trimming the drive and/or trim tabs to match speed and sea state. A waterproof Quick Guide is included. The instructor will offer tips based on lots of experience. If you are relatively new to boating this seminar is definitely for you! Cost is only \$35; family members and significant others may share materials for a discount. Sign up for the Knots, Bends & Hitches seminar held on the same day and receive a \$10 total discount between the two seminars.

Prerequisite: None - this seminar is open to everyone, including the public.

Date: 30 May 2009 Time: 0900 - 1130

Location: George Mason University Offices, 4031 University Dr, 1st floor conference room, Fairfax City, VA

Instructor: Jay Nelson

Materials have been ordered so register now or you may be left out!

Contact SEO Rich Unis at runis_320@yahoo.com or 703-777-8378.

Seminar: Knots, Bends & Hitches (One Session - Saturday afternoon)

Description: This seminar will teach you to tie knots, bends & hitches like a pro. It comes with a USPS Guide book that covers 58 different knots, bends, hitches and splices. You get your very own personal dock, complete with a cleat, ring, piling and two lines; each a different color for ease of instruction. Come learn and/or practice your marlinspike. Cost is only \$35; family members and significant others may share materials for a discount. Sign up for the Boat Handling Under Power seminar held on the same day and receive a \$10 total discount between the two seminars.

Prerequisite: None - this seminar is open to everyone, including the public.

Date: 30 May 2009 Time: 1230 - 1500

Location: George Mason University Offices, 4031 University Dr, 1st floor conference room, Fairfax City, VA

Instructor: TBD

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SIX BELLS

P/C EDWIN J. DODD, JN

Past Cdr. Edwin J. Dodd, who away before April 3, 2008, was known for the pride with which he wore his USPS uniform. He was committed to the mission of USPS, beginning his service to NVSPS as Asst. Administrative Officer, then moving up to Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and finally Commander 1999-2000. As Past Cdr. he continued his work for NVSPS by assisting his wife, Martha Jane Dodd who was our outstanding Membership Chairman for many years. He was also active in the Cooperative Charting program

P/C CHARLES J. EBY, JN

P/C Charles J. Eby, SN died April 10, 2009 at his home in North Palm Beach, FL. "Chuck" joined USPS in 1970 and progressed through the squadron offices to become Commander in 1986. During his year as Cdr., two of our members, Dr. Lloyd Hazleton and Mrs. Grace Murphy, offered to donate \$5,000 in memory of their deceased spouses for the Squadron to use for educational equipment. Chuck suggested the establishment of The Flower Power Fund, a perpetual trust fund where only the interest would be spent and the fund would grow. Today the fund's value has grown more than three times. Chuck also served as District 5 Chairman of Advanced Piloting. He and his wife Annie Eby aboard their boats, Sixebys and Chuggin Annie were familiar participants at Squadron navigational contests and rendezvous.



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

10:00 Saturday 2 May: Herrington Harbour North,
389 Deale Road, Tracey's Landing, Maryland 20779

11:00 Saturday 9 May: West River Sailing Club,
4800 Riverside Drive, Galesville, Maryland 20765

12:00 Saturday 16 May: NVS&PS Picnic, Fairfax Yacht Club,
1072 Old Colchester Road, Mason Neck, Virginia 22079

SPRING PICNIC.

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron

When: 16 MAY 2009

Where: Fairfax Yacht Club

10721 Colchester Road
Mason Neck, Virginia 22079

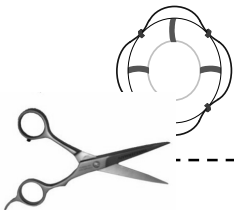


AGENDA:

- 1200 – 1245 Preliminary Preparations. Set up tables, food, drinks, games.
- 1200 – 1630 Vessel Safety Checks at FYC.
- 1245 – 1400 **Time to eat!!** BBQ pulled Pork and BBQ Pulled Chicken, BBQ Beans, Rolls, BBQ Sauces + Please bring a salad, chips and dips or dessert to share!
- 1245 – 1500 See John Karjala for 50 – 50 Tickets (Donation: \$1.00 for 2 tickets) Drawing at 1630.
- 1400 – 1500 **Seamanship Rodeo!**
- 1400 – 1420 Lifeline Toss
- 1420 – 1440 Lifejacket Race
- 1440 – 1500 Water Balloon Toss
- 1600 - 1700 Munch on leftovers, 50-50 Drawing, Clean up.
- 1700 + Be careful driving, ashore and afloat. Have a great week!



Be a winner. Be a safe boater.



Reservation Form

Enclosed is my reservation for ___ persons for the May 18th Spring Picnic and Rendezvous. **FREE FOR MEMBERS AND FAMILY.** Send to Lt/C John G. Karjala, P at 113811 Lowry Drive, Chantilly VA 20151-2815 or e-mail: jgkarjala@verizon.net, tele 703-818-8676

Main course : BBQ Pork and Chicken
Please RSVP b y 11 May 2009

Members Name(s); _____

Guests: _____

Will bring salad, chips and dips, or dessert _____

Yes I can help with set –up Games, or Cleanup _____



Dock Talk



AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AIS

Last October AIS Class B was approved for use in the US. To learn about AIS and what it can do for you, plus the equipment, read here:

<http://www.myboatsgear.com/newsletter/AIS.asp>

AIS is a signal sent out by commercial shipping and can be picked up with an AIS receiver connected to your VHF antenna. The AIS signal tells you the sending vessels SOG, COG, Position and destination. AIS is very useful information for the boater, for navigating in shipping channels, and open Oceans. RSS feeds are available at

<http://www.Myboatsgear.com>



On 1 July 2009 the Virginia Personal Water Craft (PWC) Law requirement for operators 20 years and younger to have taken and passed a squadron boating course. This requirement will encourage many younger PWC operators to take qualifying courses – NVSPS will be there to help. Squadron members give free VSC's to all boaters, checking for required life jackets and other safety equipment, up-to-date emergency flares, working navigation lights, etc. along with advice on safe operation of boats.

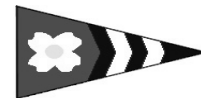
The Squadron will also sponsor “Wounded Warriors Cruise” 2009. This very worthwhile cruise touches many and is at the heart of contributing to soldiers who have given so much. The 2009 Bridge and Executive Committee (EXCOM) are working the details now. For those desiring to participate please contact P/C George Degnon, a Bridge Officer or any EXCOM member.



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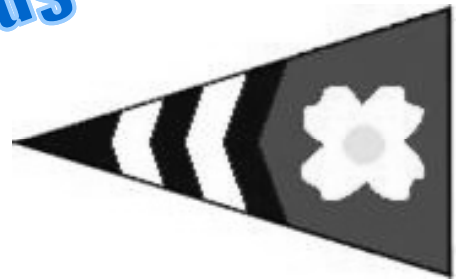
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Photo Album - 2009 Weather Course





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