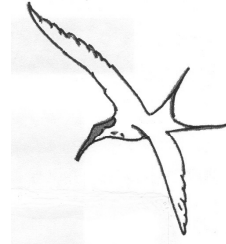




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in the New Year from the "Lake
Mates"
Walt & Manette Lazear

Deck Them Halls !
G. Jay Nelson

Happy Holidays &
Smooth Sailing in the New Year
Dick & Jean Durgin

Happy Holidays!
From
Mary & Alan Hart

Season's Greetings & Wonderful,
Prosperous & Healthy New Year!
John & Robie Shivik, *Grey Eagle III*

Merry Christmas &
Happy Boating in 2010
Gale & Evelyn Alls

Greetings & Happy Holidays!
Joel & Paula Bailey
Bay Leeway

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Francis & Georgia Williamson
Sea Glory

Happy, Happy Sailing
Helen Alberts

NOEL
From the crew of the
KATHY EL
Bill & Kathy Eldridge

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year
Jere & Nancy Dando

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year from
Cathy Sheffield & her pet Sammy

Happiest Holidays from the
Crew of *Adventures* in the Florida Keys
Robin & Jim Roberts

Seasons Greetings
Ira & Richard Davis

Best wishes for the season
and safe boating in 2010.
Ron and Donna Larson



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Scheduled Meetings:

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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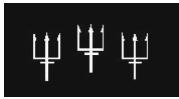
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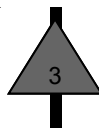
Commander Sends . . .

Cdr Francis T. Williamson, AP

The hardest part of the boating season is deciding when to winterize our boat, **Sea Glory**. We always hope that the longer we wait; maybe we will have an extra weekend to anchor out before the cruising season ends. November and hurricane Ida have not been very accommodating. Instead, I was concerned about a 7' tide surge on the York River this week, the slack in my mooring lines, and if there was sufficient overhead clearance in my slip to avoid any damage. Technology does help and provided timely information. The BOATUS hurricane watch email updates provided early warning of Ida's path and intensity. The NOAA Tides site displayed the time of the surge and recorded actual heights above mean low water. It was close, but the marina advised that they were monitoring conditions, adjusting lines as necessary and that no damage was apparent. Looks like we will winterize **Sea Glory** over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Check your winterization list, determine what preparations you can do and what to have professionally serviced! This will ensure your boat's readiness next spring. This winter, during the boating hiatus, sign up for some top notch NVSPS advanced courses through www.nvsp.org and start planning your boating goals for 2010!

I consider it a privilege to serve as the Commander of the Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron and to work with members in achieving our objectives of boating education, civic service and fraternal boating. The squadron received a District Civic Service Award at the D5 Spring Conference in March and several personal awards were presented at the D5 Fall Conference held in Rockville 6-8 November. Congratulations to P/C Jay Nelson, AP for his nomination for the NVSPS Chapman Award, for L/Cdr Rich Unis, JN for achieving Junior Navigator, with the highest grade in his class, and to Edward Jones receiving the Certificate of Educational Proficiency. The NVSPS 2009 Wounded Warrior Cruise in October on the Patuxent River received D5 recognition for civic service as one of the largest multi-squadron events this year and worthy of further district and national recognition. NVSPS was represented at the conference by L/Cdr Rich Unis JN (SEO), J.J. Fitzgerald JN (Sea Scouts), Ed Phillips (Co-Op Charting), George & Ann Nartsissov (XO), and Francis & Georgia.

I encourage members to participate in squadron activities and urge you to attend the 2010 D5 Spring Conference. The conference is **26-28 March 2010 at the Clarion Resort Fountainbleu, Ocean City, MD**. This conference provides excellent officer training, educational support in all areas, and provides updates to all national and district websites. Put it on your calendar and join us to improve boating skills and promote NVSPS.



In 2010 National, District and all squadrons are upgrading to *SAILANGLE.com* , a networking software that promises to improve official communications across USPS and beyond. *SAILANGLE.com* has advanced communication protocols, linked schedules & groups, as well as bulletin boards, interest groups and is a highly flexible structure that can be customized to squadron needs.

Many thanks to everyone for volunteering their hard work, support, and promoting boating safety through education and civic service this year. The wounded warrior cruise is one of the most important and rewarding events I have participated in. This personal commitment and dedication is what makes the NVSPS so successful.



**Georgia joins me in wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!
CDR Francis Williamson AP**



Education Officer - Richard E. Unis

I attended the District 5 Education Conference in Rockville, MD on November 7th, 2009. It was a great opportunity to network with fellow SEO's, compare notes and get some suggestions for how to continue to improve our education program. In particular, I got some great tips on how to ensure the America's Boating Course, 3rd edition (ABC3) (the replacement for the Squadron Boating Course), is presented in the most effective manner in order to cover the wealth of info contained in the course. I also learned about some course revisions and new seminars that are forthcoming, like Advanced Boat Handling.

Our spring Advanced/Elective schedule will include **Advanced Piloting**, which will start in February 2010 (exact dates are being worked with HQ BoatUS). If you have completed Piloting, you will definitely want to take this course and earn the grade of AP. In addition, I would like to offer the **SAIL** course in the spring. It's a revised course that was developed in conjunction with the Canadian Sail & Power Squadrons. It was just recently released for publication. It has been several years since we offered the SAIL course. **Please send me an e-mail at runis_320@yahoo.com if you are interested in taking this course.** We will probably start the course in March if enough people are interested in taking it.

Don't forget to let me know by December 15th if you want to take the **Weather** course that starts in January. Also, check our website at www.nvsps.org for the latest course schedules. I completed planning for the spring ABC3 courses and they are posted on the website. Seminars have been rescheduled until spring. As always, if you have a particular course you are interested in please let me know so I can plan future course offerings. I need to hear what your needs are to improve your boating skills. There is always something to learn!

COURSE	Start Date	End Date	Description	Cost & Location	Instructor
Weather (W)	21-Jan-10	TBD	This course teaches you how to make weather observations and predictions. Topics include awareness of weather phenomena, how to read weather maps, how to read the sky and anticipate weather developments, characteristics of the atmosphere, using forecasts and weather instruments. This course may also include a visit to the National Weather Service Office at Dulles Airport. This is an outstanding course that was newly revised last year. This course is back this year by popular demand! Don't miss it. You may win a barometer in the USPS drawing.	\$75 and worth every penny. Family members may share materials for a discount. Location: Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA	John Shivik, AP
Using GPS	Nov 2009, Date TBD 1 session		Learn how to use GPS to determine your position and to navigate on the water.	Cost is \$35; family members may share the materials for a discount. Location: GMU Offices, 4031 University Drive, Fairfax, VA	TBD
Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio	Nov 2009, Date TBD 1 session		Learn how to properly use the Marine VHF and VHF radio with Digital Selective Calling (SSC). This seminar could save your life.	Cost is \$35; family members may share the materials for a discount. Location: GMU Offices, 4031 University Drive, Fairfax, VA	Dwight Bues, AP





Administration Officer – John G. Karjala

Past International Pot Luck & All Hands Meeting – Our Annual International Pot Dinner took place Wednesday, 14 October 09, at the Fairfax Yacht Club, Mason Neck, VA. This was a spirited occasion with good food, fine spirits, and shared camaraderie.

Two games were played. Ms. Mary Shoaf won the 50/50 winning \$42.50. In addition,

the Alls family set up and ran a national flag identification game that also doubled, in part, as table place settings. Mr. Bob Hutton won a fine bottle of German wine for properly identifying all eight foreign flags.

We had hot brats and a wide variety of dishes, salads, and desserts. German beer, spirits, wine, sodas, and water were included in the \$2.50 reservation fee. Thirty-three members and guests signed up for this event. We hope to see you at the next soirée.

Holiday Dinner Dance - Remember to put the Christmas Party on your calendars now. If you receive this note before the party, it is not too late to give me a call to reserve your place.

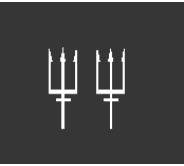
The party is on Saturday, 5 December 2009 starting at 1830 hours or 6:30 P.M. at The American Legion Post #144 in 3939 Oak Street in Fairfax City.

The menu follows last year's super dinner. Two entrees (Prime Rib and Chicken Cordon Bleu) will be served with abundant sides. Kevin & Melanie, the DJ's, will play your favorite songs and the Commander's liquor locker will be open. Beer wine and set-ups will be available from the American Legion at good prices. Rumor has it that Santa might also attend with Ms Claus.

As we did last year, toys, canned goods, or donations, will be appreciated for needy children and families. Boxes for the toys and canned goods will be available at the door.

Members please remember to invite friends for this great Dinner Dance. Bookings will be accepted by mail, e-mail at jgkarjala@verizon.net, or call me at (703) 818-8676, to make your reservation now at \$30.00 per person. Send your reservation form and checks made out to NVSPS to me at 13811 Lowry Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151-2815.

In anticipation of being the first, let me wish you and yours a very happy holidays.



Executive Officer – George Nartsissov

This past month has been administratively busy, the efforts to keep the squadron on an even keel have had us all doing a lot of phone calls, emails and other events. The NOMCOM is very busy selecting officers for next year, and the candidates will be published in a later edition. The 2010 Planning Committee is being identified and will be facing a new bridge and new and existing challenges. If you are willing to help let us know, it would be great to achieve 100% participation.

The officers with in the Executive Office have performed in an outstanding manner and have supported this office and NVSPS in accomplishing our mission of promoting boating education, safety, services, and othe boating and related activities to the public.

We are planning an OT Course to administered by D5’s OT Rep. (our own Stf/C R. Davis) on 23 Jan.10. Plan to attend

I and my staff would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a sfe 2010 boating season.

George Nartsissov



Welcome Aboard to NVSPS



- David Arnoff
- Melissa Arnoff
- Ann Ipsen
- Pat Brown
- Anthony Baker
- Annette Baker
- Mark Mathae
- Emily Mathae
- Miles Gallagher
- Steven Gallagher
- Johanna Kehoe*
- Erin Gallagher *

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CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to P/C Alan Hart on the loss of his brother Nelson Thomas Hart. Nelson was a member of NVSPS for a number of years from the early eighties until 1989.

NVSPS SHIP STORE

Now is the time! Looking for that special holiday gift? Look no further! The NVSPS Ship's store has polo shirts, burgees, caps and more. Order now to ensure prompt delivery! Questions or need help? Contact John and Robie Shivik at jshivik@verizon.net.

PROGRAM - JANUARY 2010 MEETING

If you are a sailor or a wannabe, you should attend the January general meeting.

Our guest speaker, David Gross is the production manager/designer of UK-Halsey Sailmakers of Annapolis, Maryland. As a young man, David Taught sailing at summer school and acquired an interest in racing. After moving to Annapolis he got a job with UK Sailmakers in the fabrication department all the while sailing at every opportunity . His hard work and diligence paid off as he moved forward in the company to his present position. His job gives him the opportunity to sail 100 to 130 days a year on boats ranging from 20' to over 50'.

This an opportunity to come and hear, learn, and ask questions of a pro. Some of the subjects he will address include: sail care, maintenance, usage, and construction (including materials). He will also discuss patches finishing, and what to look for when purchasing a sail.

Dock Talk



The USCG District Five Local Notice to Mariners (48-2009) is now available for download.

In addition, the 2009 USCG Light List Volume Two is available and is updated to Local Notice (53-2008), as is the summary of corrections.

The Local Notice to Mariners, Light List, and Summary of Corrections are posted weekly and require Adobe Acrobat Reader (free download) or another PDF Viewer.

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Regards,

The USCG Navigation Center Team



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TRIMMING THE WING

Dirk de Ridder - aka 'Cheese' - is the mainsail trimmer on board the BMW Oracle Racing trimaran BOR 90. Except now, there's no mainsail. Just an enormous wing sail. A veteran of three round the world races, he has previously been with AmericaOne and BMW Oracle Racing in the America's Cup. Here is a Q & A with Dirk regarding the wing now being used by the challenger:

Q: How has using the wing sail changed what you do on board the BOR 90?

A: The wing has changed my job quite a lot. The biggest difference for me is that the loading of the boat is completely different. You don't have any mainsheet loads anymore; that's disappeared. And you rely much more on the instruments than on your eye. The first few days were difficult... I confused myself sometimes by thinking of it like a soft sail and it's not a soft sail.

Q: There are dozens of orange 'tell-tales' on the wing sail. Do you use them the same as you would with a traditional mainsail?

A: You do, but you can't see through the wing, so I work closely with Joey Newton (AUS), who tells me whether we have connected flow on the leeward side or not. Especially downwind, he's my vision and he tells me how we're going.

Q: Your last session on Friday took place in the bay, on a holiday, with hundreds of other boats on the same patch of water. From on board the chase boat, it seemed very crowded. Were there any nervous moments?

A: It was incredibly busy on the harbour and with a soft sail, you would never have contemplated doing that. But with the wing sail, you can stop so quickly and move the boat around so easily, it's much safer.

Complete interview: <http://bmworacreracingblog.blogspot.com/2009/11/in-trim.html>

CURMUDGEON'S OBSERVATION

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December

- 5 *Christmas Party*
- 9 *EXCOM Meeting*

January 2010

- 13 *All Hands Meeting*
- 25 *EXCOM Meeting*

February 2010

- 10 *All Hands Meeting*
- 17 -22 *USPS National Conference*

Happy Boating

See you in January

