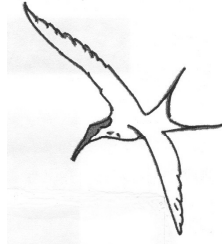




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## **“Mark” Your Calendar NVSPS Meetings and Events**

### **February**

- 10 All Hands Meeting
- 17 - 22 USPS Annual Meeting
- 24 ExCom Meeting

### **March**

- 10 All Hands Meeting
- 13 Change of Watch
- 24 ExCom Meeting
- 25 District 5 – Spring Conference



**Happy Boating**  
*See you in October*



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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:**

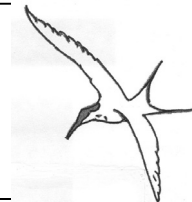
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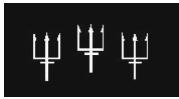
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## *Commander Sends . . .*

Cdr Francis T. Williamson, AP

In the cold and snow of winter, most Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron members start looking forward to the spring boating season with anticipation! For boaters, the winter courses, preparatory tasks and the planning in preparation of the first underway of 2010 lifts spirits and raises energy levels to get boating things done. My punch list for Sea Glory is growing as I fill out the expected dates when Georgia and I can get back out on the Chesapeake Bay or the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW). It is also a great time to reflect on our accomplishments and thank those who graciously give of their time to “make it happen” in the squadron. Some new members have stepped up to fill jobs, and I ask all members to schedule some support time or commit to a leadership role in the squadron.

NVSPS still needs an Administrative Officer (AO), Public Relations Officer (PRO), Vessel Safety Examiners and a Historian for the next watch. Help us promote boating education, safety and enjoyment on the water. NVSPS accomplished many of our Squadron Improvement Initiative goals making 2009 another great year for the squadron with achievements in every area where members participated and worked toward these goals. Vessel Safety Checks surpassed our goal of 100 and finishing with 113 vessels examined thanks to Lt. John von Senden’s leadership and coordination. Our NVSPS website has new features and directories for both the bridge and members reflecting Walt Lazear’s talent and efforts. Special thanks and well done to the Nominating Committee ably lead by P/C George Degnon. The Nomination Committee Report for the 2010 watch is published this month for member review. Our squadron membership is growing especially during September, November & December bringing in 12 new members joining NVSPS. Our wonderful Wounded Warrior Cruise (WWC) in October was followed by Oktoberfest/International Potluck at Fairfax Yacht Club. D/C Ralph Bernard and his lovely wife Nance honored NVSPS at a great Holiday Dinner Dance organized and coordinated by Lt/C John Karjala & his wife 1st /Lt. Sue Karjala. Cash donations, toys, and food collected were distributed by Lt/C George Nartsissov just before Christmas.

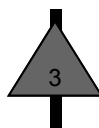
For NVSPS, we exit from a strong 2009 and our first meeting of 2010 was all you could ask for in a civic organization. We started with an over flowing turn-out at BOATUS for the general meeting 13 January at which I had the pleasure presenting Lt/C Rich Unis, JN his “**Certificate of Educational Proficiency**” and next - swearing in four new members to the squadron.

Cdr Francis Williamson, Peter Smith, Joan Burg, Melissa & Dave Arnoff

Our guest speaker, David Gross is the production manager/designer from UK-Halsey Sailmakers of Annapolis, MD. His comprehensive presentation “Sails – Shape, care and Maintenance” generated numerous questions and discussion of both racing and passage making sails. His advice – “sails need to be maintained and tuned just the same as an engine in a power boat”.

Membership growth and increased member turn out at activities continues from last year and signals another great proactive year for NVSPS. **Please make a New Year’s Resolution** to attend one of the monthly general membership meetings, social activities, and/or to take another advanced course. You really need to participate in the wide-range of NVSPS activities to see the full breadth of camaraderie, knowledge, friendship and personal reward.

Cdr Francis Williamson, AP





## **Executive Officer – George Nartsissov**

A donation of toys, canned and boxed food items, and \$75 in cash, was made at the Squadron “Holiday Party” on 5 December, 2009. The donations were solicited with the intent to distribute the items to a yet un-named community assistance organization(s) in time for the Holidays. As the “Holiday Party” was drawing to a close, the members present of the Squadron Executive Committee, agreed that the collected items and monies would be donated to the “Fisher House” at Walter Reed Medical Center.

The donated items, mostly toys, filled the trunk and the back seat of my car. The manager of the Fisher House said that they would gladly accept the toys, food and of course the cash. This was my first visit to a Fisher House. The Fisher House concept was started by the Fisher family to provide a home environment for recovering wounded service members that would allow family members and the service member to stay together at a medical facility or for the family to stay while visiting the service member still in the hospital. The construction costs are all covered by donations.

There are two homes at Walter Reed and a third elsewhere in the metro area. The homes look like large two story colonials. Inside, the homes have common areas and bedroom suites (eight or more). There were no vacancies at the homes. The interiors of the homes are beautiful and truly convey a “home” atmosphere. The toys were very timely since the “homes” were planning a party for the families and children.

**Hope to see many of you at the D-5 Spring Conference at Ocean City, MD, 26-28 March, 2010, at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau; see the D-5 website, [www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org)**

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### **All Hands Meeting:**

**The speaker for the next all hands meeting on 10 March is Brian Cox of Carefree Boating Club. He will describe a way to experience the joys of boating without the headache of boat ownership.**

**Jean Durgin**

To: Lt/C Ralph Young, AP, Secretary  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON  
From: NVSPS 2009 – 2010 Nominating Committee  
Subject: NVSPS Nominating Committee

In accordance with Sections 6.8, 6.8.1, 6.8.2, and 11.1 of the NVSPS Bylaws, the following members of the Squadron are recommended for election by the General Membership at the squadron annual meeting. The members listed below have agreed to serve their term as prescribed in the Bylaws for the year 2010-2011.

**BRIDGE MEMBERS**

Commander	George Nartssissov, P
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Educational Officer	Richard E. Unis, JN
Administrative Officer	
Treasurer	Steven D. Hall, AP
Secretary	Sue Karjala, S
Assistant Educational Officer	
Assistant Administrative Officer	
Assistant Treasurer	Keith Segerson, AP

**MEMBERS AT LARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

G. Jay Nelson, AP	1 year
Cathleen Sheffield, AP	1 year
Steve Wanbaugh, S	1 year
Francis Williamson, AP	1 year
Frederick D. Zugay, JN	1 year

**RULES COMMITTEE**

Douglas E. Layne	1 year
Yeuan-Ming Sheu, AP	1 year
Richard J. Durgin, JN	2 years
Brian K. Choate	2 years
Alan Hart, AP	3 years
Marge Degnon, S	3 years

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**

William M. Russell, III, SN	1 year
Michael E. Card, S	2 years
Francis Williamson, AP	3 years

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Richard P. Davis, AP	1 year
Norbert P. Hymel, AP	1 year
Thomas J. Martin, AP	2 years
Ronald H. Larson, P	2 years
Francis Williamson, AP	3 years
Dwight Bues, AP	3 years

Respectfully Submitted:

George K. Degnon, P	Chair
Ron Larson, P	
Keith Segerson, AP	
Norbert Hymel, AP	



## Administrative Officer – John Karjala

Holiday Past. Thanks all around for the interest, participation, and reservations made for the 5 December 2009 Annual Holiday Party at the American Legion in Fairfax City. We had a total turn out of 53 reservations and guests. Food was plentiful and a spirited time was had by all. We had a good snow fall and fine music kept everyone in the winter wonderland mood. Ten table wreaths were won by lucky members or guests who were able to bring them home for the holidays. In addition, two additional wreaths were provided as gifts. Santa and Ms. Santa gave cool gifts to all in attendance. Toys and canned goods were collected for the needy.



Next -- Change of Watch. Let's keep up the spirit and place on your calendars Saturday 13 March 2010 for the Change of Watch commencing at 1830 hours (6:30 pm) to be held again at the American Legion Post #177. Entrée's will be London Broil or Chicken Cordon Bleu with vegetables, salad and sides. The Commander's Liquor Locker will be open.



Make your belated New Year's resolution now to attend more great NVSPS events!



Remember the D5 Spring Conference and Training sessions are scheduled for Friday to Sunday, 26-28 March 2010 at the Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland. This is a fun rendezvous at one of Ocean's City's seaside hotels. We expect to be sponsoring a complete hospitality suite where we expect there will be refreshments for members and guests. Details will be distributed at the Squadron's February "All Hands Meeting" and via e-mail as they become available.



It's not too early to think about the Annual Spring Picnic. Think Spring. Last year the Squadron annual picnic was held at the Fairfax Yacht Club on a sunny and warm Saturday 16 May 09. Bar-B-Que pork and chicken were the entrees. Sodas, water, beer, and wine were available. It's was free to the attendees.

Fairfax Yacht Club members appreciated those vessel safety checks conducted by NVSPS members at the Fairfax Yacht Club's marina. To find out now how you too can become a Vessel Safety Inspector contact LT\C George Nartsissov.

I'll be seeing you at the next NVSPS events. If you want to assist on any events or have any questions regarding status or details of any event please call me at (703) 818-8676.

## Who Makes NVSPS Successful?

It's the members who give of their time and talents to do the large and small jobs that make our squadron successful. USPS thanks them for their service once a year with the award of a merit mark. Members who received merit marks for 2009 are:

Evelyn Alls, Gale Alls, Joel Bailey, Paula Bailey, Richard Baker, Thomas Ballew, Brian Choate, Robert Cox, Richard Davis, George Degnon, Robert Donahue, Jean Durgin, Richard Durgin, John J. Fitzgerald, Erin Gallagher, Steven Hall, Norbert Hymel, Sue Karjala, John Karjala, Ronald Larson, Manette Lazear, Walter Lazear, Nancy Lieberman, Alexander Lieberman, Thomas Martin, Ann Nartsissov, George Nartsissov, Jay Nelson, Robin Roberts, Keith Segerson, Cathleen Sheffield, John Shivik, Frank Shults, Stephen Shupack, Richard Unis, Robert VanBuskirk, John VonSenden, Ralph Young, Frederick Zugay and Cdr Francis Williamson.

Thanks to all!



# Dock Talk



## 2010 National Capitol Boat Show Chantilly, VA - March 12-14

It's that time of year again - The 2nd weekend in March - Time for the annual National Capitol Boat Show in Chantilly, VA. As always, the NVSPS will have a booth to explain how we serve the boating public, and to promote our public boating courses and the benefits of membership.

We cannot successfully promote our organization without you. So here is the offer, if you sign up for a two hour slot at our booth to represent the NVSPS to the boating public, you receive free admission to the show and a tremendous opportunity to promote marine safety.

The show hours are Friday: Noon - 8 pm, Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm, and Sunday: 11 am - 5 pm. The show website is

<http://www.agievents.com/shows/display.cfm?showid=65> for further information.

We need to have a minimum of two people in each two hour slot. The minimums are already filled for Friday. Please consider a two hour slot on Saturday or Sunday. We can certainly have more than two people in a time slot, but it is important to have the minimums in each time slot covered first. We can also use help with the set up on Thursday March 11th and tear down after the show closes on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact Ed Phillips at [potter339@earthlink.net](mailto:potter339@earthlink.net)

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# More Dock Talk



The USCG District Five Local Notice to Mariners  
<<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d5/lnm05512009.pdf>> (51-2009) is now available for download.

In addition, the 2009 USCG Light List Volume Two  
<<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/LightLists.htm>> is available and is updated to Local Notice (53-2008), as is the 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  
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The USCG Navigation Center Team

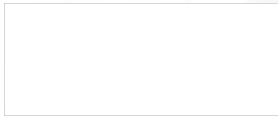
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