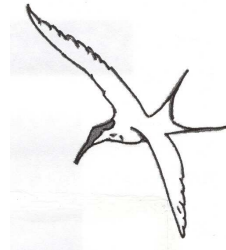




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March

- 10 All Hands Meeting
- 12-14 Boat Show
- 13 Change of Watch
- 24 ExCom Meeting
- 26-28 District 5 – Spring Conference

April

- 14 All Hands Meeting
- 28 ExCom Meeting
- 30 NOAA CoOP Charting Workshop,
Norfolk, VA, (3 days thru 2 May)

May

- 12 All Hands Meeting
- 26 ExCom Meeting



Happy Boating

See you at Change of Watch



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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.

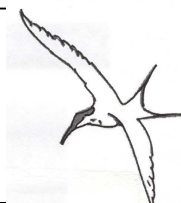


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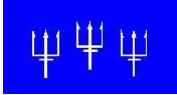
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Commander Sends . . .

Cdr Francis T. Williamson, AP

Our *NVSPS* editor graciously reminded me that this will be my last message as your commander for the largest squadron in District 5. I have enjoyed my year as Commander and it has been a distinct honor and a privilege to serve the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron. On March 13, 2010 George Nartsissov will relieve me as commander of the squadron at the ***NVSPS Change of Watch (COW)***. George is a highly competent and resourceful leader and I am confident that he will serve the squadron with distinction. The 2010 bridge is experienced, proactive and dedicated to the growth, enjoyment and success of *NVSPS*.

Each oT&T this watch, I have highlighted our progress and accomplishments working towards our goals and note attributes that make this a leading squadron in D5. This spring and summer are the appropriate time to certify (or recertify) as instructors both with national and for many of the squadron instructors with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF). Lt/C Rich Unis, JN recently taught a VDGIF requested ***Boat Virginia Safety*** class for ***Wetland Studies*** Gainesville, VA. extending our outstanding educational training to the community as a civic service. This year I also hope to see several new members certify as Vessel Safety Examiners and again exceed last year's VSC growth. Lastly, I wish we had been even more successful getting all our members involved in these activities. It would great to see increased merit marks awarded to squadron members – we all benefit from this service.

I thank each of you for your comments, service and personal efforts for the squadron. I especially appreciate the support from past commanders and senior leadership who made so many squadron events run smoothly, and who provide knowledge and skills unique to our 40+ years serving Northern Virginia. My deepest thanks to the *NVSPS* Bridge Officers, ExCom members, committee chairs and volunteers for contributing hundreds of hours to the squadron and in support of my service as your Commander. Please join me in thanking our bridge for outstanding service and welcoming the new ***NVSPS Bridge for 2010-2011***.

NVSPS – we save lives through boating safety education, civic service and camaraderie with fellow boating enthusiasts.

CDR





Executive Officer – George Nartsissov

Getting Ready for the District 5 Spring Conference: The D – 5 Spring Conference is scheduled for March 26 – 28, at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, MD. The conference is an educational opportunity for any Power Squadron member that is involved with administration of the Squadron or **would like to find out** what is involved in the various duties of the Squadron administrative and leadership positions. It provides an opportunity to find out what is happening in our District and is an excellent opportunity to network with other boaters, and members of our Squadron.

A fun event that is done on Friday evening is the “Hospitality Suite” sponsored by the various Squadrons. Squadrons choose a theme, generally with some boating related educational value, and set up the Hospitality Suite to present their theme. Some squadrons just choose some humorous or fun theme to entertain. Our Squadron has chosen “Community Service” as our theme and we will highlight our Wounded Warrior Cruise of last October. Our working group has been meeting to work out our set up and presentation.

So, make your reservation and come and have fun with us! Go to www.uspsd5.org to get details on the conference and to www.clarionoc.com to get information on the Fontainebleau Hotel.



To Register

Contact: [Contact SEO Rich Unis at: runis.320@yahoo.com](mailto:runis.320@yahoo.com) or call (703)777-8378.

| COURSE | Start Date | End Date | Description | Cost & Location | Instructor |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Engine Maintenance (EM) | 6-Mar-10 | 3-Apr-10 | This is a ten-chapter course covering modern engine systems and the basics of engine layout and operation. The course material covers gasoline outboards, inboards, diesel engines and focuses on repairs and maintenance you can perform yourself with ordinary tools. One chapter covers solutions for problems that may occur while on the water and away from a repair facility. This class will run from 0800-1200 on Saturday's. | The cost is \$60. Family members may share materials for a discount. Location: St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 North Oakland Street, Arlington, VA 22203 | Jay Nelson, AP |
| Sail (Sa) | 22-Mar-10 | 10-May-10 | This is a newly revised complete sail course that was developed with the Canadian Sail and Power Squadrons. It covers basic boat designs, rigging and sail processes. Other topics include the physical aspects of sailing, sail applications, marlinspike, helmsmanship, handling difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules and an introduction to heavy weather sailing. Note - you do not need to be a sailor to take this course. | Cost is \$60; family members may share the materials for a discount. Location; GMU Offices, 4031 University Drive, Fairfax (downtown), VA (location is tentative pending confirmation) | Rick Baker, JN Rich Unis, JN |



Education Officer – Rick Unis

CHALK TALK

The snow wreaked havoc on our class schedules, as well as everything else pertaining to our daily lives. The Piloting course was extended until February 27th, which pushed the start date for Engine Maintenance to March 6th. Ironically, even the Weather class was affected by the snow. Thankfully, at least boaters are a flexible bunch!

Don't let the snow fool you...here it is March and boating season is right around the corner. That means it's time to brush up on the latest boating regulations, review procedures, take a class and maybe even develop a new checklist for your boat. The SAIL elective course is available for registration. It starts on March 22nd.

Details on this course are posted to our website at www.nvsps.org. Please send me an e-mail at runis_320@yahoo.com to register for it. We need more students or it will have to be postponed. We haven't offered this course for a couple of years so I am expecting a good number of people to sign up for it. It's a new classroom course and it's a dandy!

I am considering adding a Seamanship course to start in late spring/early summer. Please let me know if you are interested in taking the Seamanship course. Completion of this course will earn you the grade of Seaman. You should definitely take this course if you haven't already taken it! The Advanced courses should be taken in sequence, e.g. Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, etc. Elective courses can be taken at any time. The next Piloting course will be offered in the fall. Junior Navigation will also be offered in the fall.

Please let me know if you have any questions about your education program. I am here to serve your boating knowledge and education needs, and to help improve your skills and confidence on the water.

Rich Unis, JN, SEO





Administrative Officer – John Karjala

CHANGE OF WATCH. Let's keep up the camaraderie from the holiday party. Place on your calendars Saturday 13 March 2010 for the Change of Watch and Founder's Day Dinner 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. The Reservation Form is attached to this *of Tars & Terns*. Complete it today!



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



D5. 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 through the USPS District 5 website www.uspsd5.org and via Squadron e-mail as additional details 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 in May. Bar-B-Que pork and chicken were the entrees. Sodas, water, beer, and wine were available. It's was free to the attendees. Ask how you can help. 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.



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ALL Members and their Guests are cordially invited to:

NVSPS Change of Watch
1830 to 2200, 13 March 2010
at The American Legion Post 177

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

Highlights include: Appetizers and Social Hour with Commander's Liquor locker open -- Beer, wine, set-ups and soft drinks available for purchase from the bar-- Dinner choice of London Broil or Chicken Cordon Bleu with vegetables, salad, rolls, sides, and dessert.

Reservation

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Name Spouse / Guests: _____

YES! I will attend the Change of Watch on **13 March 2010**.

_____ persons X \$20.00 each = _____ Total

Special Needs: _____

NOTE: Please make your check payable to NVSPS and mail it with this half of the form **prior to 5 March 2010** to:

Lt/C John Karjala, 13811 Lowry Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151-2815.

Questions? Call 703-818-8676.



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

Ed Phillips, AP
2010 Boat Show/Cooperative Charting Chair
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More Dock Talk

Our D5 Spring Conference Party Plans

Join the NVSPS crew for a fun time at the D5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, MD on 26-28 March 2010. Look for our hospitality suite near the elevator on the fifth floor of the Fontainebleau Hotel.

On Friday night, 26 March, from 1900 to 2200 we will welcome conference participants to our "Welcome Aboard" hospitality suite featuring photos and stories of the Wounded Warrior Cruise. Wear your NVSPS shirt and nametag and be ready to party at all the hospitality suites hosted by D5 squadrons. There are many surprises planned.

The NVSPS hospitality suite will be open for you throughout the weekend. Cold beverages and light snacks will be available. At noon on Saturday, 27 March we will gather there for a pot luck lunch. Please bring a food item to share with other Northern Virginia members.

Details on hotel rates, conference sessions and banquet plans are available in Mark 5 and on www.uspsd5.org.

TOP IPHONE APPS FOR SAILING

Yachting World editor Elaine Bunting recently posted a list of what iPhone apps were useful for sailing and whether they were worth paying for. Here's a rundown of what she had used and tested:

Navionics charts
Met Office Weather
Marine Tides Planner Plus
Aye Tides
Sailmaster
Wind Meter
Marine Rules & Signals
NOAA Buoy Data Reader

Her app reviews are listed here: <http://tinyurl.com/yfhvo85>

Since some of the apps on Elaine's list were UK centric, Scuttlebutt founder Tom Leweck added the apps currently in use on his iPhone:



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Turn Left on S. Pickett
Or.. From I-395 take Duke St. Exit #3 east, turn right on Van Dorn.
Turn right on S. Pickett.
Then.. Go less than 1/2 mile and turn in at the boat/US sign.
Enter from the lighted parking lot behind the building.



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