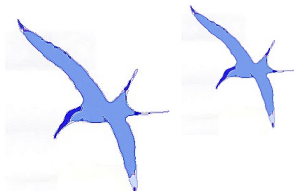




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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

Mark your calendars and come join us.

### December

04.....Holiday Party Dinner Dance  
1830 hrs at the American Legion  
Post 177, Fairfax, VA  
(See page 3 for further details.)

### January

12..... All Hands Meeting  
26.....ExCom Meeting

### Holidays Greetings

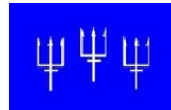
See all the best wishes from your fellow members on pages 8 & 9.



Please consider serving your squadron by volunteering to help out on the Bridge. Several positions, large and small, are still to be filled. See the Nomination Committee's report on page 7.



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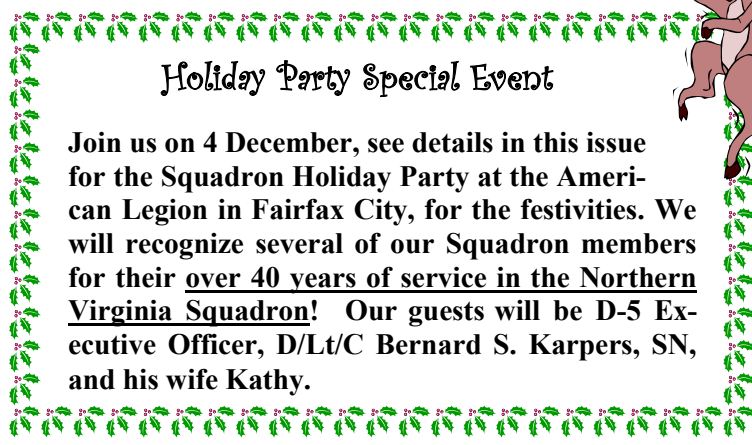
**Commander**

Cdr George Nartsissov, AP



### Holiday Party Special Event

Join us on 4 December, see details in this issue for the Squadron Holiday Party at the American Legion in Fairfax City, for the festivities. We will recognize several of our Squadron members for their over 40 years of service in the Northern Virginia Squadron! Our guests will be D-5 Executive Officer, D/Lt/C Bernard S. Karpers, SN, and his wife Kathy.



**D-5 Fall Conference:** The conference was held November 5-7 in Rockville, Maryland. The theme of the Fall Conference was primarily education. Some highlights of general interest.

- D/C L. Chris Brown presented the D-5 Mission Statement and Objectives and these were approved by the Council and Conference. Look for the document on the NVSPS web site.
- Message from the National Commander, Dvorak, presented by V/C David L. Hinders, JN, National Secretary

1. Work on increasing membership, challenge is to grow the squadrons.

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## Scheduled Meetings:

Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS Headquarters\* facility at 1900 (7:00 pm). 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. von Senden,  
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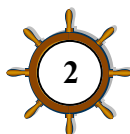
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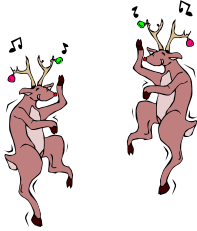
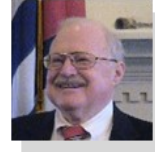
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## *Executive Officer*

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## Holiday Dinner Dance

**Thanks all around for the interest, participation, and reservations made for the NVSPS 2010 Annual Holiday Party.**

As a reminder, the party is 4 December at the American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm, dinner and music at 7:30 and dancing from 8:30 to 11:00 pm. A bargain at only \$32 each!



There may still be space available when you receive this newsletter so if you have not yet placed your reservation call to find out if there is still room. You can invite your friends and family to this festive and fun even so don't miss out.

**Phone or e-mail P/C Gale Alls to put your name on the guest list right away!**  
**(703-569-1511 or [galeandev@aol.com](mailto:galeandev@aol.com)).**

**Volunteer for the Good of the Squadron** I propose that all of us as boaters want to grow in our lives and develop our capabilities through positive activities. We set short and long term goals. We attend classes, both at work and on our own time. We do volunteer for any number of events. But now you can take a big step forward in planning and preparation for growth and advancement toward your continuing goals. Volunteer for a Squadron office. Talk to a present officer to see which office might best suit you. Your time will be well spent. Do it now.

**Change of Watch** It's not too early to think about the Change of Watch coming up in March 2011. Make your New Year's resolution now to attend more of the great NVSPS events!

A Fair Wind and Happy Holidays!



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2. Trial memberships (6 month) are being offered to students signing up for the Americas Boating Course 3 (ABC3) for the “on line” and in class students.
3. A partnering agreement is being signed with the Brunswick Corporation, manufacturer of several major boat lines, this will provide for squadrons to hold classes on site at selected dealerships.
4. Family Memberships will be phased out and replaced with “Additional Active”.
  - New Certification: “Boat Operators Certification” has been launched by National. There will be four(4) certifications: 1) Inland Navigation; 2) Coastal Navigation; 3) Advanced Coastal Navigation; and 4) Offshore Navigation. “Inland Navigation” is up and running and “Coastal Navigation” is about to be started. ALL certifications require hands-on boat handling testing. Contact our Squadron Education Officer for information.

★ Our Squadron received the **Commander’s 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award** for “Advanced Courses”. This award is for number of students completing advanced courses in the Squadron.

Thanks to P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP, for another thorough presentation on “Boat Winterization” at our November “All Hands” meeting.


**Remember our “Nominating Committee” is in session – support your Squadron and volunteer – accept the challenge! See page 7 for details.**

CDR George Nartsissov, AP



**Reminder**  
**2010 NVSPS Holiday Dinner Dance**

If you missed the 17 November deadline to make your reservations for the Holiday Dinner Dance on 4 December but would still like to attend, please call P/C Gale Alls right away to see if space is available. 703-569-1511





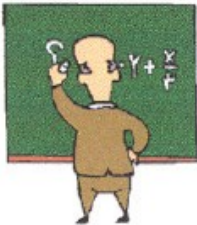
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# Chalk Talk

## Weather Course Returns



**Back by popular demand...the USPS Weather course!** The Weather course is routinely one of our top rated Elective courses; due to comprehensive content and excellent instruction. This is a practical course that will directly benefit you whether you're on the water or at home in the recliner. Some of the topics covered include how weather systems form, move and interact with one another; winds and wind shifts; humidity, fog and precipitation; clouds and predicting the weather by observing cloud formations; severe weather such as thunderstorms, lightning and tornadoes; mid-latitude weather and tropical weather and storms; weather forecasting and internet sources for weather data. You will learn how to anticipate weather conditions through onboard and onshore observation. Responsible mariners study the weather and make informed decisions on whether to head out on the water or stay ashore.

The next Weather course will start on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Class will be held on Thursday nights from 7-9 pm at Fairfax High School. The course is projected to end in April but is scheduled through May 5<sup>th</sup> to allow for potential weather cancellations (I know...it's a bit ironic to have the Weather class canceled because of the weather). The class will also include a planned visit to the National Weather Service office at Dulles airport to tour the facility and meet the marine weather forecaster. The cost for this course is only \$75 for USPS members and \$125 for non-members. Yes, the public can take this course too, so tell your friends.

**Please contact me by January 5<sup>th</sup> to register so I can order the materials. You can send me an e-mail at [runis\\_320@yahoo.com](mailto:runis_320@yahoo.com).**

Here's a marine weather tip: go to [www.weather.gov/washington](http://www.weather.gov/washington) and on the left hand side of the page under forecasts, click on marine. You can then simply click on the map for the area of the Chesapeake Bay or Potomac River that you choose. You will see a 5-day National Weather Service forecast for that area.

I am currently planning several other courses and seminars for winter and early spring, including Marine Communications Systems, so please remember to periodically check the course schedule on our website. You can also send me a note if you have questions about a particular course. As always, it is a pleasure to serve as your Squadron Education Officer!



# NVSPS Helps Support and Honor Sea Scouts



Sea Scout 1942 Bridge of Honor, Mate Nancy Lieberman, Cdr. George Nartsissov (NVSPS), Ship's Bosun Emily Downwy and Skipper Tom Ballew



Skipper Tom Ballew at Sea Scout Ship 1942 Bridge of Honor

On Sunday, 14 November NVSPS Cdr. George Nartsissov attended the Sea Scout Ship 1942, Bridge of Honor. This was a formal ceremony at which Sea Scout Skipper Tom Ballew presented awards to the Sea Scouts for their achievements.

Sea Scout Ship 1942 was founded in 1992 and is one of the most active ships in the Northern Virginia metropolitan area as well as the entire east coast of the United States, easily putting between 40 to 50 days on the water. It is part of the BSA National Capital Area Council (NCAC), the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) Girl Scout Mariner Ship 486 and Boy Scout Troop 1942. More information on the Sea Scouts can be found at [www.seascout1942.com](http://www.seascout1942.com)



## Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron

**From:** P/Stf/C Richard P. Davis, AP  
**Date:** 14 November 2010  
**Subject:** NVSPS Bridge Nominees for 2011 - 2012  
**To:** NVSPS Membership

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Those being nominated for Bridge positions are:

CDR: J. Karjala  
EXO: S. Karjala  
SEO: S. Gallagher  
AO: **Vacant**  
SEC: F. Shults  
Treasurer: R. Roberts

2. Rules Committee:

1 Year – A. Hart - Chair  
1 Year - M. Sheu  
2 Year – R. Durgin  
2 Year - G. Degnon  
3 Year – J. Shivik  
3 Year – C. Sheffield

Committee member nominations are::

1. Executive Committee:

Jay Nelson  
Steve Wanbaugh  
George Nartsissov  
Cathy Sheffield  
FrancisWilliamson  
Fred Zugay

3. Auditing Committee:

1 Year (Chair) - M. Russell –  
2 Year - **Vacant**  
3 Year - E. Card

4. Nominating Committee: The current committee has agreed to stay in place.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Richard*

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Joy throughout the holiday season  
and the New Year  
John & Sue Karjala, *Isleamour*

NOEL  
from the Crew of  
**KATHYEL**  
Kathy & Bill Eldridge

*Merry Christmas*

*May Santa bring you calm seas  
and sunny days for 2011*

Gale & Evelyn Alls



God Bless All Your Endeavors  
Boating and Otherwise  
Hank & Lucille Trochesset

Peace, Joy & Love  
To All in 2011!  
Dick & Jean Durgin

Seasons Greetings to All

Irina and Richard Davis



*Happy Holidays and Safe Voyages  
in the New Year from the  
"Lake Mates"*  
Walt & Manette Lazear

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes  
For a wonderful holiday  
Frank & Michelle Shults



*Merry Christmas from Sea Glory*

Francis & Georgia Williamson







Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
to our fellow mariners at NVSPS  
Sean, Susan & Maggie Gallagher



*Merry Christmas from the  
Crew of the NORAH*  
Norbert & Alice Mary Hymel



*Merry Christmas  
and Happy Cruising in 2011*  
Steve & Ann Hall



*Wishing our boating friends Happy Holidays  
& a Good Year to come!*  
George & Ann Nartsissov



*Happy Holidays!*  
Robert & Karen Van Buskirk  
*Seas The Day in Annapolis*



*Happy Holidays and  
Safe Boating in 2011*  
Ron and Donna Larson

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year from *Texas Lady*  
Cathy Sheffield



*Happy holidays to all!*  
Joanie & Tom Ahern



Season's Greetings to all  
& a Happy Healthy New Year  
John & Robie Shivik, *Grey Eagle III*



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*Don't Miss the Holiday Party  
on 4 December  
See Pages 3 for details.*



**MONTHLY ALL-HANDS MEETING**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 1930 (any changes posted herein and on the web)  
at BoatUS 880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria  
From I-495 take Van Dorn Exit #173 (old #3) north.  
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 BoatUS sign.  
Enter from the lighted parking lot behind the building.

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