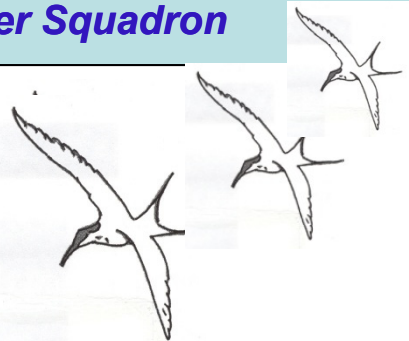




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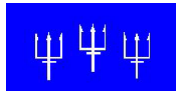
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- 8 All Hands Meeting
- 22 Executive Committee Meeting

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- 28-31 D5 Summer Rendezvous and Council Meeting



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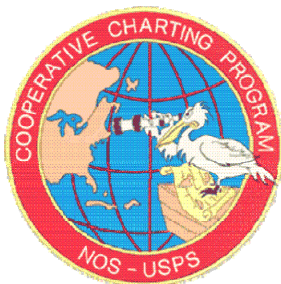
NEW ACTIVITY! District 5 has initiated a new program to list Squadron activities that are open to members of all Squadrons in D5. These activities are listed in what is now called a “Collaboration Matrix.”

This program was initiated under the leadership of D/Lt Sut Anderson, JN, D5 Chairman, Boating activities.

“By creating this list of boating activities within our “club”, we all have an opportunity to find an event on any given weekend, and if the location and timing suits us, join in the fun. As you will see, there is something going on throughout the District just about every weekend.”

The Collaboration Matrix will always be a working document, and as each Squadron adds events to the Squadron

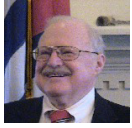
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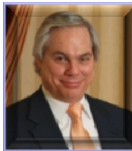
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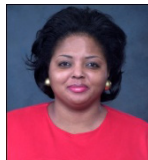
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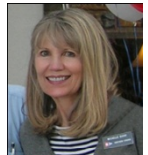
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Scheduled Meetings:

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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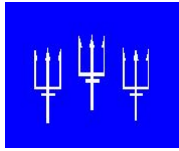
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calendars, many of those events will update the Collaboration Matrix. Multiple new events are added each week.

D5 wishes to assure that all members within D5 know about the Collaboration report. It is to be shared with all members.

A listing of Squadron activities for the year that are open to members of all other Squadrons is at the D5 website at www.uspsd5.org/squad_events.html. You will find there varied opportunities such as joining a cruise around Delmarva or an Ocean City fishing trip as well as a weekend raft up.

If interested in a particular event, simply contact the listed Point of Contact for details. The Matrix has the Squadron sponsoring the event, the event description, contact, and phone or website.

Make use of your membership to meet new people and have fun on the water.



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Executive Officer –
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I need your help! Our Squadron still does not have a Public Relations Officer (PRO). By all means, please come forward to volunteer as PRO if you are so inclined. In the meantime, yours truly is continuing to serve in that capacity the best I can. I frequently submit articles to area newspapers, many of which appear on a regular basis. Our goal is to get the word out to the boating and general public about our training and safety programs and our civic activities.

Doing so encourages member involvement and attracts new members to our ranks. I am unable, however, to keep track when these articles appear in print. That is where you come in. You can help a great deal by sending me copies of any news stories you see in local publications that describe our activities.

Please send me electronic or print copy of any articles you see that are submitted by NVSPS. It will also help us a great deal when it comes to documenting our activities for USPS District and National reporting obligations.

On a related note, I maintain a list of about a dozen media contacts to which I send our news items. I am always interested in adding to this list other local publications that may have an interest in our organization. NVSPS covers a very large geographic area and I know there are many news, boating, and related maritime publications within our reach of which I am not aware. Please send me the names of those publications in your area (and if you have it, their phone number, website address, or editor's names) and I will start sending them our material as well.

Have a wonderful and safe boating season.



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Administrative Officer – P/C G. Jay Nelson AP

In spite of the rainy weather, the NVSPS Spring Picnic was a wonderful success. The Fairfax Yacht Club was a gracious host and the picnic was held in the clubhouse. George Nartsissov and his team conducted 24 vessel examinations for the yacht club as well. With the delicious food and good company, a good time was had by all.

Our next event is the Squadron rendezvous at the Mears Yacht Haven Located on Town Creek off the Tred Avon River in Oxford, Maryland over Memorial Day Weekend. There will be a barbeque on Saturday and a group dining event on Sunday evening. You can't make it by boat, you can still join us by car for a fun event. For more information on this rendezvous contact George Nartsissov at 703-425-7044 or ganh@verizon.net

The District 5 website now posts all of the Squadrons' activities on their "Squadron Events" page. You can go directly to the page at http://www.uspsd5.org/squad_events.html, or there is a link from the NVSPS website "Activities" page. If you are traveling around the Bay this summer, you might want to consider joining in on the activities of other Squadrons. It is a great way to meet other USPS members for camaraderie and to share boating knowledge.



June 8th General Meeting

Our June 8th General Meeting will feature a presentation of our "Award Winning Theme" which won the award, at the District 5 Conference this spring in Ocean City, for the "Best Hospitality Room of the Year".

This coveted award had never been won by our squadron and it was indeed an honor to receive it. We would like to share it with those of you who were unable to attend. There will be a door prize and a surprise gift for everyone. This presentation is just as interesting to the women as the men, so men, "bring the ladies"!





Education Officer – Lt/C Sean Gallagher, AP

Well, it's almost time to get back out on the water again. And this year before you go, I'd like to let you know about a relatively new program being offered by USPS. The program is called the Boat Operator Certification program. It consists of four separate courses of study designed to build boating skills. The courses are sequential, each one building on the one previous, and it is for USPS members only. The best part of this program is that includes a practical demonstration of skills on the water which is a significant step beyond the academic instruction now provided.

USPS will certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. It is planned that these certifications will be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. The Boat Operator Certification program aligns with plans outlined by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. USCG has asked Congress for approval to implement this plan through the Secretary of Transportation. USPS intends for the Boat Operator Certification to be demonstrated proof of this recreational boater proficiency and be accepted as the national certificate for the United States as well as meeting the requirements of UN Resolution 40, *International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft* with the additional knowledge and testing of the CEVNI (European code for inland waterways) navigation rules.

This is where you come in. USPS currently plans four levels of Boat Operator Certification: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator. The first two of the four courses of study are ready for enrollment.

Some of the member advantages for successful completion of the Boat Operator Certification include: ability to rent, charter or lease a boat, even in foreign countries, obtain insurance, engage in competition boating, serve on various advisory panels, build skill and confidence in your own abilities and learn to teach others on the water.

Requirements to receive the Inland Navigator Boat Operator Certification include completion of specific USPS courses and USPS and/or non-USPS seminars when validated by instructor plus completion of an "on the water" skill demonstration validated by trained certifier. All requirements must be



Education Officer Continued

fulfilled before the certification is awarded. Additionally, to be certified, a member must be at least 16 years of age, be mentally and physically capable of operating a boat, and have sufficient visual and auditory sensory ability to do so. Thankfully, holding a driver's license will suffice to certify meeting the above requirements. Prior completion of USPS courses required for the certification will be credited towards fulfillment of the certification requirements. This means you may be almost half way there!!

So, lets get going ! We can order your Passport and kits for Inland Navigator and Coastal Navigator today and lay out a course of training to get certified. Some of our members have already started. Don't get left on the beach!! For additional details, please consult the Inland or Coastal Navigator Guide on the USPS website

(http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/files/boc_material/in_candidates_guide.pdf,

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Dock Talk



Safety for All!

If you want to find a real bargain for your home, you look into area yard sales, right? What if you are looking for a great bargain on something for your boat? Well, Herrington Harbour North had the answer on May 7 with the “Boaters Yard Sale.” Not only could you find great treasures from others’ storage lockers, but you could also get your free vessel safety examination while you were at it.

The Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron (NVSPS) had a number of its member Vessel Examiners on hand to accommodate boaters who wanted to take advantage of this important service provided by the Squadron. George Nartsissov, chair of the Vessel Safety Check program for NVSPS said, “If we have to be off the water on a gorgeous day like today, I cannot think of a better use of our time than to help our fellow boaters by checking the safety of their boats.”

To pass inspection vessel owners must produce all required registration or documentation forms and demonstrate properly working safety equipment such as horns, lights, waste management and life jackets, among other items. They must also have on hand current signal flares and fire extinguishers. Most boaters have flares on hand, however, many times they have expired and need to be replaced. Vessels that pass the inspection are issued a Safe Vessel decal for display on their hull.

If you would like to schedule a vessel safety exam anywhere in the Northern Virginia area, please contact George Nartsissov at vsc@nvsp.org.

Frank Shults Public Information Officer NVSPS



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NVSPS Family Picnic

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Alan Karpas – May Meeting speaker.



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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 boatUS sign.
Enter from the lighted parking lot behind the building.



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