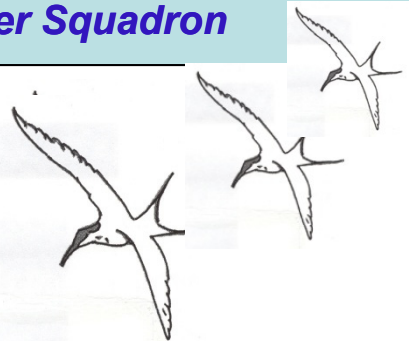




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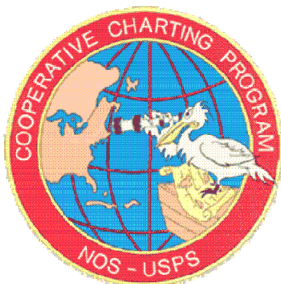
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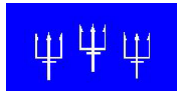
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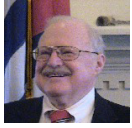
Over the years the Squadron has been very fortunate in its ability to draw interesting speakers to its General Meeting. A special “Thanks” for that success goes to the vigorous efforts of our Program Chairman, P/C Gale Alls, SN. While all speakers have been of interest to our Squadron’s boating audience, a few of the speakers he has brought in for our edification have represented volunteer groups who have demonstrated a commitment to a cleaner, healthier, Chesapeake Bay.

One recent speaker represented the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). That is an organization which offers many ways to become involved with volunteer groups seeking your skills to assist in restoring the Bay and its tributaries. A link for information about how you can get involved is at www.cbf.org/volunteer.

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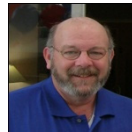
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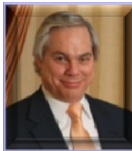
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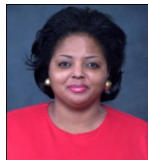
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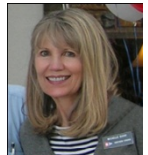
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Scheduled Meetings:

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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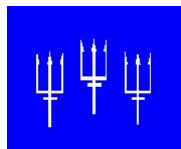
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CBF has three major areas where volunteers are needed: "Hands-on Restoration Projects," "Outreach and education," and "Advocacy." Check the CBF calendar of events at www.cbf.org/calendar to find what might be of interest to you and coming up in the near future.

Some events listed for July include on the 23rd July, 9:00 AM Virginia Oyster Gardening Roundup 2011, and at 12:00 PM the Blue Hen Parrot Head Club Summer Benefit. If you have questions, please contact Heather Tuckfield, CBF Volunteer Manager, at htuckfield@cbf.org or (410) 268-8816.

The CBF also offer four pledge programs whose members have pledged their support to restore the Chesapeake Bay. Those organizations are: "Boaters for the Bay," "Gardeners for the Bay," and "Cyclist for the Bay." The CBF is active in Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania. Check out the opportunities to save the Bay.



Editor's Farewell:

After fifteen years as a squadron newsletter editor and several more as a member, this is my last issue as the editor, due in part to my growing mortgage paying work load and family needs on my time.

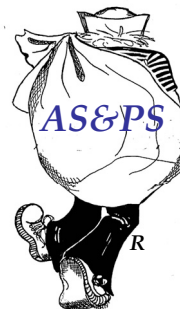
I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who have supported me over the years with your editorial support, articles and suggestions. I will continue to support our squadron as a contributor if asked.

Please provide to my successor the support you have provided to me over the years.

Join the fun, share the knowledge,

Richard
P/Stf/Cdr Richard P. Davis, AP+

Curmudgeon
*Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and,
Your hand over my mouth.*





Executive Officer –
Lt/C Frank R. Shults, S

Picture this: The day starts out beautifully with only a small chance of thunderstorms. Everyone on board is enjoying another gorgeous, sunny day on the Bay. Suddenly, a dark cloud appears in the western sky. Within moments, it's not as far away as first thought. The wind picks up from a mild breeze to 25 knots in a matter of minutes. The sky is dark, the rain starts coming down in buckets and the chop in the water has turned to five foot waves. You cannot make it to a port before the storm hits. You start thinking about options but there are few.

No one in their right mind embarks on a cruise without first checking the weather. But what happens if you are already out there and heavy weather suddenly comes upon you? To get the answer, I went to our resident authority on all things weather related – John Shivik. John teaches the USPS weather course as well as the weather seminar. The former is an intense, four month examination of the weather; the latter is a 2.5 hour review of the salient things to know about reading the sky and cloud formations to anticipate the weather coming at you.

Despite the fact that your local weather forecaster on TV frequently gets it wrong, our weather is predictable to a large extent. Today's technology allows climatologists to see the movement of winds and fronts and to identify patterns that are highly predictive of the weather. But no matter how sophisticated we become at this, the fact is that the variables that make up our weather are so intense and highly changeable that it behooves all sailors to learn how to read the sky for themselves.

Observation is the key. You must be aware of changes in temperature, dew point, wind direction, and air pressure. Perhaps most important for boaters in our area is the formation of clouds and what they mean. Your "weather-eye" should be keenly aware of clouds that form suddenly, especially from the west, that are dark, billowing and vertically developing. That most certainly means a thunderstorm, with lightning possible, is forming close enough to you that you should take action to ensure your safety. Bear in mind that a thunderstorm can travel as fast as 70 mph. The cloud that seems to be miles away could literally be upon you in minutes.

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Administrative Officer –

P/C G. Jay Nelson AP

Summer officially arrived at 1316 on 21 June this year, although with the spring heat this year it might have seemed earlier. By now most of us have been out on the water enjoying the boating season. If you are looking for something a bit different in your boating routine you might consider participating in the District 5 Summer Cruise from 23 July to 04 August. The cruise will run from northern part of the Chesapeake Bay to Crisfield, MD, and up to Washington, DC. The cruise will start at the Bay Bridge Marina with planned stops at Herrington Harbour North, Calvert Marina, Solomons, Crisfield, MD, Colonial Beach, VA and Gangplank Marina in Washington, DC. You can participate in the entire cruise, or join/exit the cruise at any point along the way. Contact Ralph Bernard at (609) 625-0031, or by email at rb3513@comcast.net for additional details.

For the more adventurous among us, on 16 July several sail boaters in the Rockville Sail & Power Squadron will set out on a five-day, 400 mile cruise around the Delmarva Peninsula. The Rockville Squadron has opened this event to any other District member who would like to join them by boat or as crew on one of their boats. All participating captains should have a minimum grade of AP, as well as night and open water experience. It will be up to the individual captains to determine what level of training and experience they want for their crew. If this cruise is of interest to you, contact Alan Karpas at (301) 767-5905 or by e-mail at alankarpas@verizon.net for additional details.



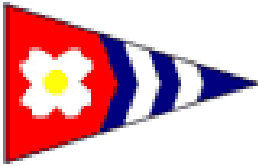
GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE JULY 13TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

David Kennedy is the Program Coordinator for the BoatUS Government Affairs department. He joined BoatUS in 2009, having worked as a government affairs representative for various aviation groups for over 20 years.

David's boating background extends to his childhood sailing in New England and fishing on mid-west lakes. He has owned a variety of boats, both sail and power. He currently sails a Catalina from Solomons Island, MD with his wife Jenny and three children.

David will discuss some of the important issues the boating community faces in the near future i.e. the integrity of the GPS system, regulation of recreational vessels under the Clean Water Act, marine discharge zones and no discharge zones in the Chesapeake Bay. Come prepared to participate in the discussions of the future of pleasure boating.





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D/5 SAIL REGATTA & FALL FESTIVAL 2011
30 Sept - 02 October 2011
Herrington Harbor South
HOSTED BY: Annapolis, Dundalk
& Rockville Squadrons

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ e-Mail: _____

Registration:	Number	Fee	Total
Registration fee:	_____	\$10.00	_____
Saturday continental breakfast:	_____	\$10.00	_____
Saturday banquet and awards:			
Adults	_____	\$35.00	
Children under 10	_____	\$15.00	
Regatta entrance fee (per boat)		\$20.00	_____
Fishing tournament entrance fee (per person)		\$10.00	_____
	Total amount due		\$ _____

If planning on competing in the race, please furnish all of the following information:

Skippers name: _____ Yachts name: _____

Sail number: _____ PHRF rating (if known) _____ Squadron _____

Boat make, model size and color: _____

Class: (circle one) Single hull Multi hull

I agree to abide by the regulations and sailing instructions governing this event. I agree that it is solely my responsibility to decide whether to start or to continue to race. I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the United States Power Squadrons, District 5, Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron, Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron, Rockville Sail & power Squadron and those conducting this event from all liability for any injury or damage that may occur.

Signature of Owner/Skipper: _____ Date: _____

Make your own slip reservations directly with Herrington Harbor South 800-213-9438

Deadline for event registration is 14 September 2011

Send your completed registration form & check made payable to D/5 Sail Regatta & Fall Festival to:

Lt/C Marianne Ponzio,P
 1253 Still WoodsWay
 Annapolis, MD 21403

For additional information call (410) 990-0291 or mariannelacey@comcast.net The schedule on is page .



Executive Officer Continued.

If this happens and you are unable to get to a safe port, prepare by having all on board put on their life jackets. Secure all equipment and gear to avoid being injured by objects that can be tossed around in high winds and heavy seas. Keep away from metal as much as possible and seek shelter inside your cabin.

We hope you never face bad weather in your excursions but we all know that it is likely you will. What can you do? Take our weather courses to better prepare yourself for the inevitable. Also, visit <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/> and learn how to use the tools there to help you better read the sky above you. Most of all have a plan for bad weather and make sure your crew knows what is expected of them if you encounter heavy weather.

Have a wonderful and safe boating season.



D/5 Sail Regatta Schedule (See page 7)

Friday , 30 September

1300 – till Arrive by land or sea Friday afternoon

1700 – 1800 Pitch-in Welcome Cocktail party – dinner on your own

Saturday, 1 October

Fishing tournament (time to be determined by Captains)

0800 Continental Breakfast

0830 Skippers meeting for sail race

1100 First signal for race

1100 – til Land lubbers fun (for those who are not sailing or fishing)

1900 – 2000 Cocktail party (cash bar)

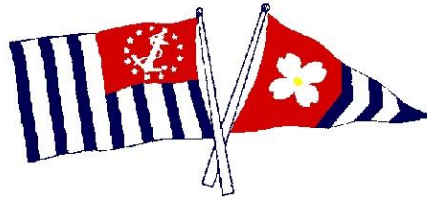
2000 – 2200 Banquet & awards presentations

Sunday: 2 October

0930 Pitch-in breakfast (and maybe fish?)

SAFE VOYAGE TO HOME PORT





From: NVSPS Executive Committee

To: NVSPS Membership

Subject: Correction of Administrative Error --- Nominating Committee Composition

In accordance with the Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron By-Laws dated 31 October 2008, Section 6.7.7, the Executive Committee requests correction of an administrative error. Hence, this correction published in the *of Tars and Terns* allows the membership to be informed in advance of a vote on the correction to the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee composition.

Preface: Elected Committees, Section 5.5 NVSPS By-Laws states:

There shall be a Nominating Committee, consisting of *six members, two of whom shall be elected annually by the active members at the annual meeting for a term of three years. The Chair shall be elected annually by the Committee members in accordance with Section 5.1.6. (Italics added.)*

History: The Nominating Committee by letter of 13 December 2010, to the NVSPS Membership, submitted a proposed roster for the 2011-2012 Bridge, Rules Committee, Auditing Committee, Executive Committee and Nominating Committee. That roster was duly presented to the membership and the nominees were elected.

Issue: Nominating Committee's 13 Dec10 letter erroneously listed for the 2011-12 Nominating Committee composition *seven members and it listed five members with one year terms and two with two year terms, all contrary to NVSPS By-Laws Section 5.5. This error is the result of the 2009 – 2010 NOMCOM action.*

We submit an administratively corrected 2011-2012 Nominating Committee for membership approval:

Thomas Martin	1 Year
Norbert Hymel	1 Year
Ronald Larson	2 Years
Dwight Bues	2 Years
Francis Williamson	3 Years
George Nartsissov	3 Years



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Turn Left on S. Pickett

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



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