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## Mark Your Calendar

NVSPS Meetings and Events

### September 2016

- 14 General Membership Meeting  
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1900—2100 BoatUS Headquarters
- 28 Executive Committee Meeting  
1930—2100 BoatUS Headquarters

### October 2016

- 15 Oktoberfest Picnic and Membership Mtg  
1200—1600 Fairfax Yacht Club, VA
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting  
1930—2100 BoatUS Headquarters

### November 2016

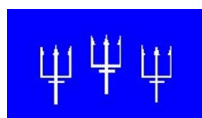
- 9 General membership Meeting  
1900—2100 BoatUS Headquarters
- Executive Committee Meeting TBA

A detailed Squadron calendar including all meetings and educational courses can be found on our web site [www.nvpsps.org](http://www.nvpsps.org)



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## Commander Sends...

CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN

As we approach the end of summer with its hot and humid weather, I start to really get excited about upcoming weekend boating trips. In my opinion, the best time to go boating in the DC Metro area is in the fall. The lower temperatures and humidity just makes it much more pleasurable to be out on the water. One of Cindy's and my favorite things to do during these trips is to locate and photograph Bald Eagles that nest along the Potomac River. No matter how many times I have sighted our national emblem, I still get excited when we spot one.

This fall the squadron will start to advertise and firm up plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration next May along with taking orders for a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Squadron Burgee. Please look for details on these items in of Tars & Terns.

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### Call for...

- Photographs to share in our 50th Anniversary Year
- Trophies to display at our anniversary celebration

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### Scheduled Meetings:

Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS™ Headquarters facility at 1900. on the second Wednesday of each month except for the months of August and December. Any changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron website.

### BoatUS Headquarters meeting location: 880 South Pickett Street, Alexandria VA 22304

From Capital Beltway, take the VA-613/ Van Dorn St exit number 173, towards Franconia. Turn left onto S. Van Dorn St / VA-613 North. Turn left onto S. Pickett St. Go less than .5 miles and turn in at first the BoatUS™ sign and go to the lighted parking lot in rear. Proceed to the entrance. Press buzzer to request entry.

**About The Future Nation's Capital Waterfront**—The Wharf, as it will be known, will transform our experience of Washington, D.C.'s waterfront. It will have many community spaces, over 100 shops, entertainment venues, residences, the restored 200-year-old fish market, 3 hotels, a conference center and concert hall, water taxis, 450 boat slips with 2 marinas and 4 piers. Source with developer vision video:

<http://www.wharfdc.com/>

**Wharf Mooring Field Now Open**—Eight moorings are available on the NW side of the Washington Channel. As of August 2016, boats will no longer be allowed to anchor in the Channel north of the police pier (Pier 5). Contact Gangplank Dockmaster: 202-554-5000. The Wharf Gangplank Marina will undergo a complete renovation. For more visit: <http://gangplank.com/> Source: Wharf Gangplank Marina website



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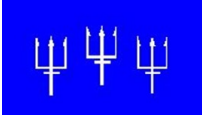
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The squadron calendar has been updated on our website to reflect upcoming activities. See information on our the event at the Hinkins residence, and Oktoberfest get together in this edition of the newsletter.

For those who might be looking for a new boat or gear you should consider the Annapolis Boat shows in October. This has been a boat show I have always wanted to attend but always seem to have a conflict with the dates. Hopefully this year I can attend. The sailboat show is October 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, and the powerboat show is October 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit their website: [www.annapolisboatshows.com](http://www.annapolisboatshows.com)

As a reminder, any member can submit articles for our newsletter. Please share your experiences on the water, a good story, or some nice pictures of your travels would be a welcomed addition. To keep informed on squadron activities, please visit our website: [www.nvsps.org](http://www.nvsps.org) and at our District 5 level: [www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org)

Please keep cool the remainder of the summer on your boat and as always, please stay safe on the water.

**CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN**  
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**Message from the Treasurer**

**Treasurer’s Report as of August 15, 2016**

Checking Account Balance     \$7,301.01  
(Checking Account Includes \$2000 designated for wounded warriors cruise)  
All Bills Paid  
All Deposits Made

CDs Regular  
Interest last Quarter     \$64.08  
Withdrawals last quarter   \$1,000.00  
New Balance                 \$23,380.92

CDs Flower Power  
Interest Last Quarter         \$69.42  
Withdrawals Last Quarter   \$1,000.00  
New Balance                     \$24,783.29

Savings Account, Flower Power  
Deposit This Month         \$2,000.00  
New Balance                     \$4,446.40  
(Savings Account Includes at least \$2000.00 Designated for Educational equipment and Expenses)

**Lt/C Dave Hinkins, S**  
*DaveHinkins@msn.com*

**Save the Date for our 50th Anniversary Celebration!**  
**Sunday, May 7, 2017**  
Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
At The Springfield Golf & Country Club, Springfield, VA  
Details to be announced.



## *From the Educational Officer*

Following a wonderful night sail on the Chesapeake in early June, we pulled into Rock Hall, MD and enjoyed breakfast tied up along the Rock Hall wharf. It was a great confidence building experience navigating into a new harbor as the sun was climbing up above the horizon. It was also a Monday morning, a very different Monday morning than the usual drive to work. The Chesapeake Bay has a way of doing that. As we were preparing breakfast, the radio came alive with Trooper 1 (MD State Police helicopter) calling to establish a link with the US Coast Guard on “marine 16”. Naturally, the link was established and a search had begun for a missing jet skier in the vicinity of a park in the northern Baltimore area. Trooper 1 promptly located the jet skier and his disabled watercraft on an island near the park where he had departed the Sunday afternoon before. Trooper 1 reported the jet skier was waving his arms at the helicopter and appeared to be uninjured. A USCG vessel was dispatched to pick up the errant jet skier and I assume this story had a happy ending.

Later that week, I looked for an article on the Jet Ski incident, but only found a vague reference to it in an article on another accident that weekend. I will assume there was a good outcome with that incident. However, I did find an article about an accident that was very disturbing to me. This is the kind of accident that should have never happened in the first place and resulting in terrible and irrevocable consequences. An article published in Capital Gazette about this accident can be found at [http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/for\\_the\\_record/ph-ac-cn-edgewater-man-drowning-follow-0609-20160609-story.html](http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/for_the_record/ph-ac-cn-edgewater-man-drowning-follow-0609-20160609-story.html)

The article is focused on the human side of the tragedy, but as boating safety educators we can easily see how the accident chain went unbroken. The accident sequence began when the “captain’s” hat blew off and he jumped in – yes, jumped in –without a PFD on to retrieve his hat. On its own, that may have not been so bad. It was a warm summer afternoon in good weather; except for two things – the boat remained in gear speeding away from him; and his ex-wife who was in the boat with their two young children had no idea how to stop the boat. It is hard for me to understand that, but those are the reported facts. She was yelling for help and another boat pulled alongside. Someone jumped into the moving boat, brought it under control and called 911. A search was started for the “captain”, but he wasn’t found until the next morning. He had perished.

What can we learn from this accident? Many things. First and foremost; provide a safety briefing to your crew and guests. What happens if you as the skipper become incapacitated for any reason? Can your crew and/or guests get the boat under control and call for help correctly? Secondly, decision making – never take an impulsive action without thinking it through completely. Since it was a powerboat, he could have easily brought the boat back around to get the hat without getting wet. After all, it is only a hat – what is the risk worth? When a hat blows off of someone in sailboat, it is the perfect opportunity for a crew overboard drill. That is an excellent training scenario without anyone getting wet. The article mentioned that the accident occurred on a rented boat. Was that a contributing factor? Possibility so, but it is up to the investigating authority to make that determination. It was a remarkably senseless accident.

**The NVSPS is offering a “Partner in Command” seminar on Saturday September 10.** This seminar will go a long way in breaking an accident chain. It provides training on what to do correctly if whoever is responsible for the safe operation of the vessel becomes incapacitated.

Here are some facts to consider. The US Coast Guard 2015 Recreational Boating Statistics (<http://www.uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2015.pdf>) reports the following sobering facts in the report’s executive summary: *continued on page 5*



## Message from the Secretary



What exciting events we have planned! On the 17 September, Dave and I will be hosting Day at the Creek II (443 Indian Banks Road, Farnham, VA 22460). Check the website for our flyer. This year we hope to offer boat rides unencumbered by crab cages! Also, we have our new small boat lift installed with the 14' and I have purchased a kayak. The kayak has been a great way to see all the creek has to offer. You can also fish, crab, or just sit and enjoy the eagles, the water, and some great company. This year we have extra beds if you want to enjoy the entire weekend. We hope to smoke either a pork roast or a brisket in our new grill and smoker. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs as well as tea, beer, wine, soft drinks and hopefully the commander's locker! Bring a side dish if you wish! If you decide to bring your boat, there is a boat ramp down the street on the creek! By car we are just a

few miles off of Hwy 3, 12 miles past Warsaw, Va. By boat give us a call (303) 349-0106 or email us at [mjhinkins@msn.com](mailto:mjhinkins@msn.com), RSVP by phone or email by September 10 if you can. We can provide navigational help. The Creek is open to the Rappahannock and the house is about ½ mile off the river. See page 6 for more information. Next... See the information for the Oktoberfest held once again at Fairfax Yacht Club.

**Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins**  
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## Continued: Message from the Educational Officer

- Compared to 2014, the number of accidents increased 2.3%, the number of deaths increased 2.6%, and the number of injuries decreased 2.4%.

- Where cause of death was known, 76% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 85% were not wearing a life jacket.

- Where instruction was known, 71% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only 15% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally-approved boating safety education certificate.

The NVSPS will continue to promote safe sailing and boating by presenting USPS seminars on the 2nd and 4th Saturday's of the month. The seminars are presented at the Alexandria West Marine Store at 601 South Patrick St, Alexandria, VA from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. If you have an interest in teaching a seminar, please let me know. These are the scheduled USPS seminars through the end of 2016:

<b>Anchoring</b>	August 27, 2016
<b>Partner in Command</b>	September 10, 2016
<b>Sail Trim</b>	September 24, 2016
<b>Man Overboard</b>	October 8, 2016
<b>Marine Radar</b>	October 22, 2016

**Fair Winds and Cool Breezes!**  
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**Send us photos of your favorite Northern Virginia boating landmarks and we will feature the best in our newsletters and website.**

**Email them to Claire**

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**[CWyngaard@verizon.net](mailto:CWyngaard@verizon.net).**

**Thanks and have fun!**



## Come to a Day at the Creek II – 17 September 2016

Join the Hinkins and other NVSPS folk. See message from the Secretary.

Bring a lawn chair and your favorite water toy (paddle boards, jet skis, canoes, rafts, small trailerable boats, life jackets)

We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and either pulled pork or beef brisket. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**11:00 AM TO WHENEVER \* \* \* COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US**

THE HINKINS

443 Indian Banks Rd, Farnham, VA 22460

RSVP by September 10, to Mary Jane, [MJHinkins@msn.com](mailto:MJHinkins@msn.com), 303-349-0106

*Fishing, crabbing, and if high tide, boat rides should be available.*

*Don't want to drive back? Bring a bed roll. We have spare bedrooms.*

*(Not many extra beds but we have the rooms!)*

- ⇒ Take I-95 to exit 130A (second exit) south towards Fredericksburg. Hwy 3 South turns right outside of Fredericksburg.
- ⇒ Continue south on Hwy 3 past Warsaw continue to 608 (Farnham Creek, Rd.) then turn right.
- ⇒ Continue on 608 to the fork in the road to 606 (Simonson Rd) on the left.
- ⇒ Continue to Indian Banks Rd on the right. We are the first house at the curve on the left. Park on the shoulder or in the driveway.

(Warsaw has a strict 45 mph speed limit beginning before the divided hwy.) Children (bring Life Jackets) with parents welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 303.349.0106.

## Join Your Friends at the NVSPS OKTOBEFEST!

**Saturday 15 October 2016 at the Fairfax Yacht Club**

**12:00 to 16:00**

**Picnic, Meeting and Vessel Safety Checks**

Call or email your reservation to Mary-Jane Hinkins, 303-349-0106, [MJHinkins@msn.com](mailto:MJHinkins@msn.com).

A flyer with a form is also available online at [www.NVSPS.org](http://www.NVSPS.org) activities page.

To help defray expenses, \$5.00 is requested for each member and guest at the door. Please inform her what favorite appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert you will bring to share and If you can help setup or cleanup. The Commander's locker will be open.

FYC Address: 10721 Colchester Rd, Mason Neck, VA 22079, 703-339-8736. Directions on the squadron website.



**September 14 Meeting Speaker To Be Announced.  
Peter Trogdon's "History of Navigation"  
will be rescheduled in 2017**

Speaker suggestions are welcomed throughout the year by P/C Gale Alls, SN, [galeandev@aol.com](mailto:galeandev@aol.com)

***Thanks to Speaker SS John W. Brown Engineer, John Yunkers***

John "Jack" Yunkers presented in March about the World War II Liberty Ships and their missions. We are fortunate to have one of two remaining operating ships in Baltimore, MD. **The Ship's Baltimore Annual Living History Cruise will be October 1.** At press time, there were still tickets available at <http://www.ssjohnwbrown.org>

***Baseball Fans: Take the Potomac Riverboat Company's  
Baseball Boat to the National's Game***

Free Parking Pass with Online ticket purchase. Roundtrip or one-way tickets available most days. Pre-Game departure from Alexandria, VA. The boat will depart from the game 20 minutes after the last pitch. For more visit: [www.BaseballBoat.com](http://www.BaseballBoat.com) Also, the **Cantina Marina** kitchen is open late on Nats home and evening games. Source: Cantina Marina <http://www.cantinamarina.com/about.html>

***25 Merit Marks = Free USPS Membership***

The United States Power Squadrons recognizes the contributions of its members' time and talents and says "thank you" by awarding each one merit mark annually. Members who have received 25 merit marks do not have to pay local, district or national membership dues.

Each fall squadron leaders submit the names of those members who have performed substantial service during the calendar year to the Merit Mark Chair who compiles a report to USPS. A national officer reviews and approves the recommendations. For more information on merit marks, consult your USPS Operations Manual.

**Officers and Committee Chairs:**

Please submit the names of members who have performed substantial service to NVSPS during calendar year 2016 to Merit Mark Chair Jean Durgin at [rjdurgin@aol.com](mailto:rjdurgin@aol.com) by 15 October 2016. Include a brief but specific description of the service performed (e.g., number of class sessions taught, vessel inspections performed, newsletter articles written, etc.).

**All Members:**

Our goal is recognize everyone's contributions to NVSPS. Feel free to submit a brief description of your service directly to Jean Durgin at [rjdurgin@aol.com](mailto:rjdurgin@aol.com) by 15 October 2016.

*Remember to return any NVSPS borrowed equipment to the squadron*

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