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NVSPS Meetings and Events

October 2016

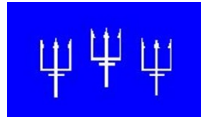
- 15 Oktoberfest Picnic and Membership Mtg
1200—1600 Fairfax Yacht Club, VA
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting
1930—2100 BoatUS Headquarters

November 2016

- 9 General membership Meeting
1900—2100 BoatUS Headquarters
- 30 Executive Committee Meeting
1930-2100 BoatUS Headquarters

December 2016

- No General membership Meeting
- 3 Holiday Dinner and Dance Party
1800—2300 P.J. Skidoos, Fairfax, VA



Commander Sends...

CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN

The Squadron has some exciting events planned. In October, Cindy and I look forward to our annual Oktoberfest get-together at the Fairfax Yacht Club in Mason Neck, VA. This event always has plenty of good food (especially Cathy's bourbon balls) and of course the Commander's Locker. The Squadron will be performing Vessel Safety Checks to members of the yacht club upon request. And finally, during the first weekend in December, our annual holiday party is again this year at PJ Skidoos.

A reminder from the 50th Anniversary Committee, they are requesting members to provide any pictures of Squadron events from the past ten years (2007 to 2017). For our 40th Anniversary in 2007, Jean Durgin put together a wonderful booklet on the Squadron's History. This booklet is available to view on our website (www.nvsps.org). Jean is hard at work assembling an addendum to cover the last ten years of events and history.

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A detailed Squadron calendar including all meetings and educational courses can be found on our web site www.nvsps.org

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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.



- **The Ensign Spring 2017 Nautical Delights Photo Contest deadline is 31 December 2016. Open to USPS members and subscribers of The Ensign. Winning photos will be featured in the Spring 20107 of The Ensign. See details at <http://theensign.org/photocontest>**
- **Send NVSPS photos of your favorite Northern Virginia / District of Columbia/ Maryland boating landmarks and we will feature the best in our newsletters and website. Email them to Claire Wyngaard, cwyngaard@verizon.net.**

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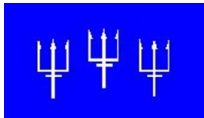
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Copies of this addendum will be available at our 50th Anniversary celebration in May. If you have suggestions on items to be included in this addendum, please let Jean know at rjdurgin@aol.com.

Please consider attending some of the events mentioned above. These are great times to get to know your fellow members and enjoy the Squadron’s hospitality. As always, stay safe on the water.

CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN

Old & New NVSPS Burgees

In May 2017 the Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron will reach its 50th anniversary and be eligible to add a gold border to its burgee signifying that accomplishment. P/C Gale Alls will present a sample of the new 50th anniversary burgee at the October and November meetings. He will distribute order forms for burgees of several sizes. Delivery date TBD. The new burgees can be flown in May 2017.

The new 50th anniversary burgees will likely be more expensive than the original burgees. There are still nine original burgees in the Ship’s Store. The sizes, prices and number available are listed below. If you’d like one of the original burgees, call or email P/C Dick Durgin (703-560-9106 – rjdurgin@aol.com).

Size	Price	Number Available
10" x 14"	\$20	one
12" x 18"	\$23	two
14" x 21"	\$27	three
21" x 30"	\$55	one
25" x 36"	\$72	two



You could possibly save the US Coast Guard thousands of dollars, by doing one very simple task.

Most recreational craft are either Documented vessels registered with the Coast Guard or registered with the home state of the boat’s owner and display an appropriate identification number as required. If the vessel should be found adrift or unattended authorities can quickly search government files to get the name of the owner and contact the owner, family or friends to determine the status of the boat operator.

When an abandoned paddle board, kayak or canoe is found there is no way to know if the operator is in distress, or if the boat broke its mooring and floated free. In any case, search and rescue effort must be started until there is a clear answer about the condition of the owner/operator.

The US Coast Guard has a program “Operation Paddle Smart” that provides canoe, kayak and rowboaters with an ID sticker that can be applied to their boat with space for the owner’s name and two phone numbers. In an emergency, authorities can contact family or friends and see if the operator might be in trouble. Obtain these stickers from the US Coast Guard or make your own.



P/C Gale Alls, SN



Message from the Secretary

Thanks to all who were able to attend our Day at the Creek II on September 17!

- Dave and Mary-Jane Hinkins



Since Summer is almost over, I thought I would share my favorite summer pie recipe,
an Italian Fruit and Strawberry Pie



The Crust

1 9" or 10" baked pie crust – baked - Either bought or your own will do just fine. Make sure you bake the crust first. If I make my own crust, I use a 10" fluted tart pan; if I buy a crust well then I use the pan it comes in!

The Fruit

2 or 3 pints whole strawberries cleaned and stemmed, Slice off the fat ends of the berries so that the berry will sit flat. I take these fat ends and use them for the glaze. 1 banana, sliced, 1 pint blueberries washed

The Filling

4 tbsps Sugar, 2 cups of mascarpone cheese, 1/4 cup Amaretto, brandy, cognac, or port (your choice)

In a bowl mix the mascarpone cheese with the liquor, and 4 Tbsps. sugar and blend until smooth. Spread this onto the bottom of the cooled baked pie shell and refrigerate.

The Glaze

1 cup cold water, 1/2 cup granulated sugar (more if you like a sweeter pie - up to 1 cup), 1/4 cup cornstarch, 1 teaspoon zest (optional), 2 teaspoons lemon juice, Red food dye if needed (optional)

Whisk together the cold water in a sauce pan over medium heat, add the sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice and zest once the sauce is smooth and comes to a light boil, add the mashed berries. Continue to cook and stir until the sauce thickens. Add dye if you want a redder pie. Now you can use your blender or immersion blender to macerate more. Cool completely.

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Message from the Educational Officer

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. Ask me about new courses in the planning stage. These are the remaining scheduled USPS seminars through the end of 2016:

Man Overboard	October 8, 2016
Marine Radar	October 22, 2016
Knots, Bends & Hitches	November 12, 2016

Fair Winds and Cool Breezes!
Lt/C Ed Phillips, AP
Education@nvsp.org

2016 Holiday Dinner and Dance Party—Save The Date Dec 3!

Please plan to join us for Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron's 2016 Holiday Dinner and Dance Party to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at P.J. Skidoos, 9908 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax, Virginia. You will have a choice from four entrees, one of course being Prime Rib, a cash bar with appetizers. Watch for further information in the newsletter and for your invitation in the mail later. Questions? Call Sue Karjala 703-818-8676 or email: skarjala@verizon.net.

Does USPS have your current email address?

Get news sooner. We send emails announcing when the newsletter is posted online at print time. Get event announcements sooner. We email event announcements at the same time we mail them. Check your record on the members-only site.

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Putting the Pie Together

I place banana slices on the bottom layer over the top of the mascarpone layer. Paint a small amount of glaze over the bananas, next I place the strawberries stacking more in the center using the glaze as glue (this never works well for me and the strawberries do as they please.) I just place the fruit so it looks as nice as possible, then sprinkle the blueberries into the bare spots. Finally pour the remaining glaze over the top of the pie.

This pie is great. It's not too sweet and you can adjust the fruit to your taste adding more bananas, blueberries, raspberries or blackberries to taste. If the strawberry season has lapsed or leaving out the bananas or blueberries.

Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins
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Your Holiday Greetings Keep Flower Power Fund Growing



In keeping with a renewed squadron tradition, you are cordially invited to post a personalized holiday message to all members in the December issue of *of Tars & Terns* in exchange for a contribution of any amount to the NVSPS Flower Power Fund. It's a great way to stay in touch with squadron friends, both near and far away.

Please mail your 2016 holiday greetings (maximum 3 lines) and check payable to the "NVSPS Flower Power Fund" to P/C Dick Durgin by 10 November 2016 in order to meet the newsletter deadline. Dick will send you a written confirmation of your tax deductible contribution. Here's a sample message:

*Happy Holidays &
Safe Voyages in 2017
from the crew of Blue Skies!*

The Flower Power Fund was established in 1988 by Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hazelton with a generous donation of \$5,000. Their donation and many others from members in the years since have been invested to produce interest income for the squadron. This income serves as a discretionary fund to be used by the commander (with advice from Executive Committee) for squadron expenses not covered by the general treasury. It has been used to purchase computers, projectors, student sextants, meals for the Wounded Warrior Cruises, and electrical service for the boat show booth. The fund, whose name comes from the Virginia state flower on our burgee, has grown to over \$27,000 and currently includes \$5,000 in spendable interest. Recently, the Executive Committee approved spending \$1,000 of FPF interest for 50th anniversary celebration expenses.

For more information, contact Dick Durgin at 703-560-9106 or rjdurgin@aol.com.

Many thanks, everybody!

P/C Dick Durgin, Chairman, Flower Power Fund

308 George St. SW, Vienna, VA 22180

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.

A flyer with a form is also available online at 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 are on the squadron website.

Newsletter submissions and photos welcome. Deadlines are 15th of the month prior to the issue month, until further notice.

Thanks to Speaker David A. Guillaudeu
Author, Washington & Old Dominion Railroad History Books

Mr. David Guillaudeu presented in September about his collaboration with Paul E. McCray on the roots of the W & OD Railroad, from its construction with Civil wartime setbacks, WW II boosts in passenger carrying, operating it with progressive engines and cars for people, grain, coal or oil, to maintenance and change in the needs of our nation's transportation systems. Great Falls Park was serviced by trolley and rail cars to entertainment areas by the falls. Today, we enjoy this "right-of-way" by walking and biking while passing by the few remaining historic landmarks. This trail has become the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park.

P/C Gale Alls, SN

Merit Mark Reminder

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 by 15 October 2016

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 by 15 October 2016.



The Birthday Corner

Wishing our September and October Birthdays a Big Ahoy Matey!

September Birthdays

Thomas J. Ahern, Jr
Kim -Kwok Chu
Christopher P. Dubia
Jon M. Gibney, P
Judith E. Grass, AP
John E. Harmon, AP
Margaret B. Helberg
Norbert P. Hymel, AP
Nathaniel E. Lilly
Robert B. Manning

October Birthdays

Mark J. Anderson, JN
Yvonne Brant, P
Lt/ C Sean Gallagher, AP
Susan E. Gallagher
Kathryn K. Markussen, P
P/C Francis T. Williamson, AP
William H. Wright JR, SN

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.



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