



## Mark Your Calendar

### NVSPS Meetings and Events

#### November 2016

- 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

#### January 2017

- 11 General Membership Meeting
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting  
1930-2100 BoatUS Headquarters

#### February 2017

- 8 General Membership Meeting
- 22 Executive Committee Meeting  
1930-2100 BoatUS Headquarters

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



## Commander Sends...

CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN

With the boating season over for 2016, I find myself looking back on the trips Cindy and I took this year on our boat, *Potomac Pleasure*. Going north on the Potomac River from our marina on the Occoquan River, it is always pleasant to gaze upon Mount Vernon. Usually there is a tour boat at its dock or in transit to visit the site. In the summer, the grounds are full of visitors roaming the fields or sitting in the chairs along that big wide front porch. If you have ever visited Mount Vernon and looked out from the back of the house that faces the Potomac River, you will not see any buildings, only trees along the opposite Maryland shoreline. I was told there is either a law or zoning decree that prohibits building in the sightlines opposite from Mount Vernon. This was done to preserve the view that our first President, George Washington had when he lived at the residence.

*Continued on Page 3*

### In this Issue:

Classes	Page 5
Jan and Feb Meeting Speakers	Page 4
Merit Mark News	Page 4
Nominations	Page 10
Ship's Store Reminder	Page 11
Member Birthdays	Page 10
Squadron Yearbook	Page 7
50th Anniversary Celebration Date	Page 6
Sea Scout News	Page 6

Find us on





## Bridge Officers

### COMMANDER

CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN  
703-815-1954  
eaglebs271@cox.net



### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Sean Gallagher, JN  
703-548-5851  
hawk-eye@earthlink.net



### EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Ed Phillips, AP  
703-771-7096  
education@nvsp.org



### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Kim-Kwok Chu, S  
703-280-4848  
admin@nvsp.org



### SECRETARY

Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins  
303-349-0106  
secretary@nvsp.org



### TREASURER

Lt/C David Hinkins, S  
303-349-3000  
treasurer@nvsp.org



### MEMBERS AT LARGE

P/C Alan Hart, AP	540-898-6002
P/C John Karjala, P	703-818-8676
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP	703-370-4331
P/C Richard E. Unis, JN	703-777-8378
P/C Francis Williamson, AP	703-440-9074

### 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.

- **Submit Photos to display at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Contact John Karjala, 703-818-8676, JGKarjala@verizon.net**



- **Deadline for Jan/Feb 2017 newsletter is January 15. Please submit info. to Claire Wyngaard, listed below.**
- **Share your photos on the NVSPS Facebook page. Submit photos with captions to P/C Alan Hart, AP for consideration, 1oldtar@gmail.com**
- **USPS Annual Meeting Feb 19 -26, Orlando, FL**
- **D5 Spring Conference Mar 30 - Apr 2, Ocean City, MD**

## Of Tars & Terns

The official publication of the  
**Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron**  
www.nvsp.org



**Articles, opinions and advertisements do not necessarily reflect USPS® policy or endorsement unless so designated**

Of Tars & Terns is published ten months of the year and mailed to all NVSPS members. July/August and January/February issues are combined. All Of Tars & Terns newsletters are published online at NVSPS.org. Submission deadlines are the 15th of the month prior to the issue month (or first issue month in combined issues) until further notice.

**Volume XLIX; Number 8: December 2016**

### EDITOR

P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP  
703-437-0064  
gjaynelson@aol.com

### ASST to the EDITOR

Claire Wyngaard  
703-494-2065  
cwyngaard@verizon.net

### DISTRIBUTION

Lt Manette B. Lazear, AP  
703-620-1821  
lakematesm@comcast.net

### WEBMASTER

D/Lt Walter D. Lazear, AP  
703-620-1821  
lakematesw@comcast.net



Another area we visit is National Harbor, along the Maryland shore just south of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. A relatively newer site, it is still growing with the addition of the Tanger Outlets and the MGM National Harbor Casino and Hotel complex (which opens on December 8<sup>th</sup>). A few years ago an observation wheel was added, *The Capital Wheel* at the end of one of the docks. This 180 foot tall wheel gives a nice view of DC and the surrounding area. I have not been on this wheel but Cindy and I have ridden the world's tallest observation wheel, *The High Roller* in Las Vegas, Nevada. At 550 feet, it really is an impressive ride. But in speaking of riding these wheels, and riding around in our boats, have you ever thought of riding your boat on a big wheel? Impossible you say? Well, it is not.

If you take your boat to central Scotland, the *Falkirk Wheel* named after the nearby town of Falkirk, is a rotating boat lift connecting the *Forth and Clyde Canal* with the *Union Canal*. It opened in 2002, reconnecting the two canals for the first time since the 1930s. The wheel raises boats by 79 feet, but the Union Canal is still 36 feet higher than the aqueduct which meets the wheel. Boats must also pass through a pair of locks between the top of the wheel and the Union Canal. The Falkirk Wheel is the only rotating boat lift of its kind in the world. If you don't have your boat in Scotland, the site sells tickets to ride the wheel in a boat and go through the upper locks to the Union Canal and back. Cindy and I rode this wheel on our last trip to Scotland in 2004. The following link will give you more information, pictures and a video on the Falkirk Wheel: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falkirk\\_Wheel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falkirk_Wheel)



The Falkirk Wheel Photo: Sean Mack

Looking ahead, the Nominating Committee is now in session. Please consider volunteering your time and talents serving the squadron in an open position. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at PJ Skidoo's in Fairfax, VA. Then it's on to next year, a milestone year with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

May you and your family enjoy the holidays and have a prosperous and healthy New Year.

**CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN**  
eaglebs271@cox.net

## 2016 Merit Mark News: From 1st to 50th

Commander Zugay received notification from USPS on 29 October that 22 members of NVSPS have been awarded Merit Marks for substantial service to the squadron for 2016.

Claire Wyngaard, Assistant to the Editor, received her first Merit Mark! Charter member and Past Commander Gale Alls received his fiftieth Merit Mark!

Merit Mark recipients have the most fun and achieve the greatest satisfaction from their squadron membership, and we thank them all. These are the members who keep NVSPS cruising along and the number of Merit Marks they have earned:

Evelyn Alls (26); Gale Alls (50); Thomas Ballew (14); Kim-Kwok Chu (4); Keith Clark (2); Jean Durgin (20); Richard Durgin (31); Sean Gallagher (7); Alan Hart (51); Dave Hinkins (5); Maryjane Hinkins (5); Norbert Hymel (8); Sue Karjala (9); John Karjala (9); Manette Lazear (28); Walter Lazear (30); Jay Nelson (15); Edward Phillips (12); Cathleen Sheffield (19); John Shivik (18); Richard Unis (10); Claire Wyngaard (1)

## 2017 Meeting Speakers

### January 11: New England Sailing Trip with Lt/C Ed Phillips, AP

Our speaker at the January general membership meeting will be Lt/C Ed Phillips, AP sharing photos from his New England sailing trip aboard 61' Schooner *Brilliant.*, out of Mystic Seaport, CT.

### February 8: Virginia Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries with Mary Loose Deviney

Our guest speaker at the February general membership meeting will be Mary Loose Deviney, Regional Coordinator, Boating Safety Education, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov> who travels from her Richmond office in the middle of winter to visit with our squadron.

Mary will share with us what's new at the DGIF for the year 2017. She will highlight the changes in Virginia's boating regulations and requirements for 2017 in her presentation and she will gladly answer questions from the membership.

Please come and welcome Mary back to NVSPS.

**P/C Gale Alls, SN**



Thanks to everyone who has provided snacks for our Monthly Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, except August and December). If you would like to volunteer, please contact P/C Mary-Jane Hinkins, S to volunteer. January and April are already spoken for.



## *Message from the Educational Officer*

I wish all of our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2017. I extend my personal thanks to everyone who has helped the NVSPS Educational Program in some way during 2016. I know that we have all received our merit mark for 2016 which is a USPS method of appreciation, but I personally thank each of you. As I have said before, anyone of us can have said a few words, shared an experience or expressed a thought that prevented or will prevent an accident or injury. They tricky thing is we will never know. We can only go on faith that we have made a difference somewhere, somehow. That is the fruit of our calling as members of the NVSPS and the United States Power Squadrons (USPS). That fact alone supersedes any mere words of thanks.

I do want to recognize one member of the NVSPS who stands out significantly. I would like to personally and publicly thank P/C Alan Hart for his faithful assistance with the USPS seminars we have been presenting at the Alexandria West Marine store. Without my asking, Alan drove up from Fredericksburg (enduring the I-95 back-ups even early on a Saturday morning!) each Saturday morning there was a seminar to lend a hand with the set up and tear down of the equipment. Having Alan there was a tremendous help to me and a source of encouragement. Thank you Alan for your dedication and perseverance!

### Education News

During the month of November a few important things occurred. We started an ABC3 class and a piloting class for Sea Scout Ship 1942 at Sat George's Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA. Dean Markussen is teaching the ABC3 class while Jay Nelson is teaching the Piloting class.

We concluded the USPS seminars for 2016 with "Knots, Bends and Hitches" held on November 12 at the remodeled Alexandria West Marine store. If you haven't been there yet, you will enjoy finding the new location of your favorite products. That is a good reason to explore and browse. They have increased the selection of products they have on hand. As always, the West Marine staff has always been very supportive of our USPS seminar presentations. We plan to resume the seminars on March 11, 2017 with "Trailer Your Boat".

### Activities at the D/5 Fall Education Conference

The D/5 Fall Education Conference was held in Cambridge, MD at the Hyatt Regency, Chesapeake Bay Resort on November 17th through the 20th. I was only able to attend on Friday and unfortunately missed the Educational Department updates on Saturday morning. I did attend the Open CPN seminar, the Digital Media Library (DML) seminar and the Instructor Recertification class. Open CPN and DML are two important changes that have arrived and are being integrated into the USPS.

OpenCPN is the new on-line navigation tool that replaces the Rose Point Coastal Explorer in all of the USPS courses. A few months ago, the NEO, Craig Fraser along with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and the D/5 DEO, Chuck Wells, presented a webinar on OpenCPN. I watched the live webinar and started to get familiar with OpenCPN. Most of the D/5 Fall Conference OpenCPN seminar was a replay of that webinar with real time questions. I have found it a bit difficult to "navigate around" OpenCPN, but that is a matter of becoming familiar with another new technology and its capabilities. It is a commercially available product used professionally. It is available to USPS members at no cost, but it does require time to learn it. For example, I have downloaded all of the Region 3 charts. You can download them by region, geographical area or state. OpenCPN seamlessly "quilts" the different charts, of different scales, along your route. There is a tool bar along the bottom of the screen that indicates by color code and symbols what charts are in use and in what way. I am figuring that one out now.

*Continued on Page 7*





## Message from the Secretary

The year is slowly coming to an end. But our Holiday party sure sounds like a great way to end the season. It's bound to be great. It was last year. Dancing, great food, great company. What more could we ask for. I hope to see you there. The 2017 will be off to a good start with NVSPS's 50 Birthday... And what a celebration it should be. With parties, and District 5's Spring Conference in Ocean City, please keep up with the newsletters to see all the exciting events. Also we will be adding the gold ribbon to the burgee in honor of our 50th and you can order your own now.

Take care and hope to see you all soon.

**Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins**  
*mjhinkins@msn.com*

### Local Sea Scout Ship in Search of Two 38-40' Sailboats

Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' needs a couple of larger sailboats in the 38 - 40 size (even larger) to accommodate the increasing number of teenagers in our sailing program on the Bay. Every three summers the Sea Scout Ship 1942 will have sailed the entire Chesapeake Bay. Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' is a IRS Charitable 501(C)3 Tax Exempt Organization.

Ship 1942 is the only Sea Scout Ship in our 106-years of history to ever repeat as the top Ship in the entire United States - "National Flagship 2007 & 2014". It is also the only Sea Scout Ship to ever repeat as the "final four" of outstanding Sea Scout Ships in the U.S. - "Flagship Fleet 2012; 2015; & 2016". We built the program and indeed they have come!

Our dinghy fleet is berthed at Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, Virginia. Our larger cruising-size sailboats are berthed at the Navy's Recreation Center in Solomons, Maryland. We would replace the 30' and 36' sailboats with larger boats.

1. 27-foot Watkins Sloop "Endlish".
2. 27-foot S-2 Sloop "Reverent".
3. 30-foot Irwin Sloop "Friendly".
4. 36-foot Columbia Sloop "AL-DI-LA".

To learn more about our Local Sea Scout Ship 1942, visit [www.SeaScout1942.com](http://www.SeaScout1942.com)

**Don't Give up the Ship,**

**Skipper Tom Ballew, [tballew@cox.net](mailto:tballew@cox.net)**

**Sea Scout Ship 1942**

**Save the Date! Sunday, May 7, 2017**

***NVSPS 50th Anniversary Celebration***

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

At The Springfield Golf & Country Club, Springfield, VA

## Join the "Voices of NVSPS"!

You can become a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration by sharing your memories of NVSPS with us.

We are creating a squadron yearbook as a memento for everyone attending NVSPS's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on May 7, 2017. In addition to squadron history, the yearbook will feature a section called "The Voices of NVSPS" to show the richness of squadron life through the stories of our members. **You are invited to write a letter to the squadron telling what NVSPS has meant to you.** It may describe an experience you had, a person you met, or something you learned. It may show how membership in NVSPS has made a big or small difference in your life. Your letter may be serious or funny, long or short.

We hope to make this yearbook meaningful by including as many personal stories as possible. If you submit a story for the yearbook, you will receive a copy even if you are unable to attend the celebration.

Please send your stories to Jean Durgin by email ([ridurgin@aol.com](mailto:ridurgin@aol.com)) or post (308 George St. SW, Vienna VA 22180) by January 1, 2017.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary yearbook will be a companion to the yearbook that was prepared for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, *Celebrating the Journey 1967-2007*, which can still be downloaded from our website, [nvsp.org](http://nvsp.org).

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee**

***Education Officer Message Continued from Page 5:*** It will be very useful once it is learned well. Here is a link to the Piloting Appendix B replacement which describes how to install and use OpenCPN <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/p/files/overview-openCPN.pdf>

You have probably heard of the Digital Media Library (DML) already since it has been in the planning stages for about a year and a half now. The Kent Narrows Squadron, P/D/C Marty Lafferty and his wife Sari, along with many other D/5 and D/3 folks worked on this project. What is DML? It is an educational resource located at [www.uspsdml.org](http://www.uspsdml.org). This short video explains it better than I can <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJBK5YiKuP0&feature=youtu.be> and that is the purpose. These short videos can be shown to complement course material and can also stand alone as a powerful safety message and marketing tool. There are twenty topic specific videos with a new one being released every 5 days finishing up on New Year's Eve. Each video has an on-line instructor manual to help us use each video effectively. The DML is a great tool, please check it out.

### **Important! New Classes**

NVSPS is planning to present a Seamanship (S) and Advanced Piloting (AP) course starting in January 2017. The start date is not confirmed yet. This class is primarily for Sea Scout Ship 1942, but is open to NVSPS members and the general public.

These courses will be held in four hour sessions from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday mornings at St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 North Oakland St, Arlington, VA 22203

The tuition for the Seamanship course is \$70 for USPS Members and \$95 for Non-Members. The Advanced Piloting course is \$80 for USPS Members and \$105 for Non-Members; the Advanced Piloting tuition DOES NOT include the "Weekend Navigator" book. There is a take home final exam for the Advanced Piloting course. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning on attending either course.

Cozy up by the fireplace until the fair winds and warm breezes return!

**Lt/C Ed Phillips, AP**  
NVSPS SEO  
[Education@nvsp.org](mailto:Education@nvsp.org)



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
& a safe boating new year!  
May 2017 be filled with blessings!  
Cdr. Fred & Cindy Zugay*

*Merry Christmas!  
May Santa Claus bring you  
Calm seas & sunny days in 2017  
Gale & Evelyn Alls*

*Peace of Mind  
Day or night for safe boating  
Kim-Kwok Chu & Ying Choi*

*Joyous holidays &  
Happy new year to all!  
Dick & Jean Durgin*

*Holiday Greetings!  
Joy & Peace throughout the year!  
John & Sue Karjala  
Isleamour*







*Merry Christmas & a  
Happy New Year from  
Texas Lady Cathy Sheffield  
& Sammy the traveling bird*

Merry Christmas & a wonderful new year!  
May you be blessed with fair winds &  
Following seas throughout the year  
Rich & Cynthia Unis

*NOEL !  
From the crew of the Kathy EL  
Bill & Kathy Eldridge*

*Fair Winds & Safe Voyages  
In the New Year !  
"Lake Mates" Walt & Manette Laxear*

*Merry Christmas to all!  
Alan and Mary Hart*

*Deck Them Halls!  
Chris & Jay Nelson*



**The Following Members are Nominated  
for the Offices Indicated for the Year 2017-2018:**

**Bridge Officers:**

Commander	CDR Fred Zugay, JN
Executive Officer	Lt/C Sean Gallagher
Education Officer	Lt/C Ed S. Phillips, AP
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Kim-Kwok Chu
Asst Admin. Officer	VACANT
Secretary	Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins, S
Treasurer	Lt/C Dave Hinkins, S

Elections will be held at the squadron's annual meeting on **March 8, 2017**, when nominations may also be made from the floor.

**Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee:**

Lt Richard E. Cohen, P  
P/C Alan R. Hart, AP  
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP  
P/C Richard E. Unis, JN  
P/C Francis Williamson, AP

**Rules Committee:**

P/C Gale Alls, SN  
Lt Evelyn Alls, P  
P/C Richard Durgin, JN  
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP  
P/C John Shivik, AP

Respectfully submitted,  
P/C Alan Hart, AP

**Nominating Committee:**

P/C Jere Dando, AP  
Lt Robert Donahue, AP  
P/C Alan Hart, AP  
P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP  
P/C Richard Unis, JN

**Auditing Committee:**

Lt Robert Donahue, AP  
P/C Richard E. Unis, JN  
P/C Francis Williamson, AP

**The next  
Of Tars and Terns  
Will be a combined issue  
January/February 2017  
Submissions deadline Jan 15.**

*Happy New Year to our  
January and February Birthday Members!*



**January Birthdays**

Gale Alls, Jan 1  
Margery Bond, Jan 10  
Claire Wyngaard, Jan 13  
David Leggett, Jan 15  
Sue Karjala, Jan 17  
Richard Curtis, Jan 17  
Jeanne Reilly, Jan 18  
Janet Fahey, Jan 23  
Don Benedetti, Jan 25

**February Birthdays**

Kathleen Arrows, Feb 20  
Keith Clark, Feb 9  
Richard Cohen, Feb 8  
Ivonne Sincere-Reilly, Feb 16  
John Karjala, Feb 22  
Keith Severson, Feb 27  
Aleskandra Onufrak, Feb 28

## ***New 50th Anniversary NVSPS Burgee***

Orders are now being taken for the **NEW** NVSPS Burgee. A gold band along each side of the fly recognizes the squadron as a fifty year old squadron in the United States Power Squadrons. The official anniversary date will be May 14, 2017.

In honor of this accomplishment, the squadron will take orders for the new burgees to be delivered in early 2017 at the Squadron function. If mailed an additional charge will be added.

Size	Price
10" X 15"	\$24.00 ea
12" X 18"	\$26.75 ea
14" X 21"	\$27.50 ea



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Burgee size \_\_\_\_\_ number \_\_\_\_\_ X price \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail order form P/C Gale Alls, SN

With payment to: 7800 Braemar Way

Springfield, VA 22153

H 703-569-1511, C 703-987-8421, E galeandev@aol.com

***Shop NVSPS Ship's Store online***

Use links on <http://nvsp.org/stor.shtml>  
or

For shirts & hats: <http://nvsp.qbstores.com>

For name tags: <http://kayceetags.com>



D/Lt W. Lazear, AP  
2014 Lakebreeze Way  
Reston, VA 20191-4020

**NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO.  
6586  
RESTON, VA**

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



**of Tars & Terns**



**Dated Material**

[www.nvpsps.org](http://www.nvpsps.org)

**United States Power Squadrons®**

A unit of the

**In District 5**

**Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron**

Official Publication of the



**America's Boating Club**

