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September 2017



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Scheduled Meetings:

Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS™ HQ facility at 1900 on the **second Wed of each month** except for the months of Aug, and Dec. The May and Oct mtgs will be combined with other events. 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 # 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 on right to request entry.

Attention Ship's Store Shoppers!

Our online Ship's Store (<http://nvspss.qbstores.com>) now offers shirts, jackets, totebags and hats with our new 50th anniversary burgee logo. The new burgee has a gold band along the angled edges. So, watch for a sale and stock up on NVSPSS shirts to wear onboard and in town, If you need a new nametag, order one from cpdean.com.

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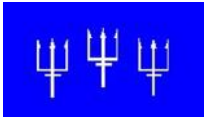
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Commander Sends...

CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN

Welcome back from our Squadron's summer break. I hope your boating was safe and enjoyable so far. Cindy and I were hoping to go on more boating trips this year, but we seem to be in that pattern of good weather during the week days and unfavorable weather during the weekends. We are looking forward to the fall for some cooler boating days.

As we start our Squadron's fall schedule, Lt/C Sean Gallagher, JN will be presiding over September's General Membership meeting on the 13th. Cindy and I will be in Alaska during the middle of the month, visiting Anchorage, Denali National Park, and various ports of call between Seward and Vancouver. We hope to see some bears, whales, and the ever present Bald Eagles.

Looking ahead, the Squadron has some excellent seminars on the schedule this fall. The Hinkin's again have opened their home to the Squadron for their "Day at the Creek" get-together on September 23rd. Cindy and I attended last year and had a wonderful time. Unfortunately, we will miss it this year due to our Alaska trip.

Our annual Oktoberfest picnic will take place on October 14th at the Fairfax Yacht Club. This event will be in lieu of our October General Membership meeting. If you have never attended this event, I invite you to give it a try this year. Fairfax Yacht Club has a very nice enclosed pavilion with a full kitchen, a bathroom, and comfortable seating. It overlooks their marina on the Occoquan River. With the fall foliage and the great food from our Squadron's cooks, it is always an enjoyable time.

On a sad note, our Squadron has lost a dear member this summer. Lt Manette B. Lazear, AP passed away on July 30th. She lost her fight with some health issues that started last December. Manette was the head of Distribution for our Newsletter and the wife of D/Lt Walter D. Lazear, AP our Squadron's Webmaster. Please keep Walt and the Lazear family in your prayers during this difficult time.

In closing, I hope to see everyone at our fall meetings and events. Check out our education schedule for any new or refresher boating courses you may want to take or to help teach if you have the time. Enjoy the rest of the boating season.

Thank you, and please stay safe on the water.

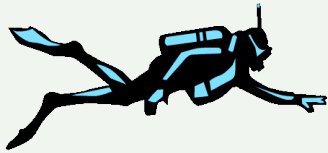
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Find us on 

USPS District 5 Fall Conference

October 26-29, 2017

**Valley Forge Casino Resort/Radisson Hotel
Early Bird Hotel Res. Deadline October 3
Conference Registration Deadline October 16
See D5 newsletter at www.USPSD5.org**



How to Get Started in Scuba September 12, 7:30 pm

Presented by Rob Curren of Patriot Scuba of Occoquan, Virginia. How to get started in scuba diving. This lifetime sport can take your boating farther and explore new worlds. They have classes for all levels and kinds of diving. See their beautiful website at www.PatriotScuba.com. They have a Not-For-Profit Corporation, Patriots For Disabled Divers, dedicated to bringing the joy and therapeutic benefits of scuba diving to people with disabilities worldwide. Visit www.PatriotsForDisabledDivers.org.

Submitted by Lt Claire Wyngaard, P

Meetings at BoatUS HQ, Alexandria, VA. Directions page 2

From the Vessel Safety Check Chair

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the USPS have certified Vessel Examiners (VEs)

who provide courtesy safety checks to mariners to ensure required safety equipment is onboard and in operational condition. VEs also discuss safe boating practices while conducting the checks to ensure boaters are well prepared and informed of their responsibilities. Those boaters who meet all of the requirements are awarded a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) decal, which is good throughout the calendar year. **We can conduct far more VSCs this year and help make the local waters safer but we need you!** For more information see the March 2017 newsletter and contact any of our VEs listed here.

Call for your boat to get a VSC.



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Message from the Educational Officer

NVSPS will offer four free boating safety seminars at the Alexandria West Marine store on Route 1.

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

At West Marine

601 S Patrick St.

Alexandria, VA 22314

www.WestMarine.com

Opens at 9:00 AM on Sat.

Store: 703-459-7020

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2017 Annapolis Fall Boat Shows: Sail October 5-9 Power October 12-15
Cruisers University October 9-12 www.AnnapolisBoatShows.com

Local Sea Scout Ship 1942 in Search of Two 38-40' Sailboats

Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' needs a couple of larger sailboats in the 38 - 40 size 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. To learn more about our Local Sea Scout Ship 1942, visit www.SeaScout1942.com

Don't Give up the Ship,
Skipper Tom Ballew
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Sea Scout Ship 1942



Sea Scouts, BSA is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women ages 14 to 21. For over 100 years Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

Coast Guard Barque *Eagle* will visit Virginia ending the summer journey at the Coast Guard Yard where we toured her this Spring

- August 27: Arrive **Portsmouth, Virginia** – *OCS Cruise Begins*
- September 4: Arrive **Alexandria, Virginia**
- September 7: Depart **Alexandria, Virginia**
- September 9: Arrive **Baltimore, Maryland** – *Coast Guard Yard OCS Cruise Ends*

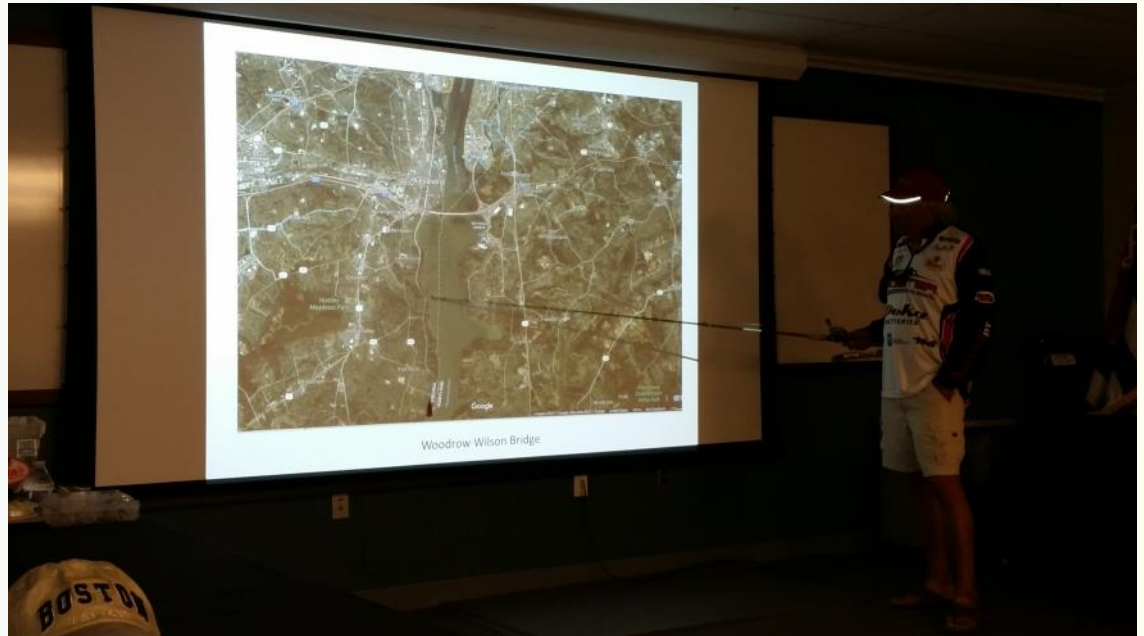
Academy Admission Information Sessions

The Admissions Office of the Coast Guard Academy is pleased to host admission information sessions aboard *Eagle* during selected U.S. port calls. Each session includes a private tour and opportunity to meet cadets.

Students considering applying to the Academy, and their family members, are cordially invited to these sessions. Make a reservation from this page: <http://www.cga.edu/eagle2.aspx?id=66390>

Thanks to Capt. Steve Chaconas for informing us about the value of a personal fishing guide and where to catch fish in Northern Virginia

Capt. Steve Chaconas, a former radio and TV talk show host, has been fishing on the Potomac since the mid 1960's. Steve used to fish local tournaments and writes for several publications covering the BASSMASTERS Tournament trail for radio and newspapers. He is a



bass fishing guide on the Potomac River and DC area. See his website for articles and tips. Revive your excitement for fishing.

National Bass Guide Service <http://www.nationalbass.com>

Last Horizon



P/Lt/C Manette Lazear, AP (a NVSPS Life member of 31 years and 28 merit marks) passed away on July 30 after a long illness. Manette had been in and out of hospitals since January. During that time, her husband Walt had kept us updated on Manette's condition, from despair to hope, the long stays in Florida and then finally home again in late spring.

Manette loved sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, snuggling into creeks at night to drop anchor, enjoying the natural beauty of the Bay, and giving friends a long weekend away from work pressures. She and Walt did not own a boat, but bareboat chartered sailboats from 26-40' for 15 years in all kinds of weather. Actually, she did own a Sunfish sailboat which she sailed as a teenager on Long Island Sound and then on the Potomac River and Lake Thoreau in Reston later in life.

Manette also edited our "of Tars & Terns" newsletter for several years, participated in Wounded Warrior cruises, distributed the newsletter for decades, and most recently did proofreading for the National Publications Committee.

Rest in peace, Manette. You'll be missed and remembered, forever a part of the NVSPS family.





Message from the Secretary

I am sad to hear of the passing of a long-time squadron member, Lt Manette B. Lazear, AP. She was a valued member of NVSPS and will be missed by all of us!

We hope to see new friends and old at our home for Day at the Creek III which is fast approaching on September 23. Please come and join us to celebrate the near end of summer.

Oktoberfest is just around the corner. Get out those awesome potluck ideas and start planning. The Christmas party will be at P.J. Skidoos on Saturday, December 2. What a good-time we had eating, dancing, and reminiscing last year.

Please volunteer for a position on the Bridge, a Committee or Committee chair for next year. We need you at NVSPS. Call or email Nominations Committee Chair Alan Hart, me or any Bridge Officer for more information. Phone numbers and email addresses are on page 2.

Please let us know if you have ideas for future events, field trips or meetings. We want your ideas! I hope to see you all soon.

Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins

MJHinkins@msn.com

Join the Hinkins and other NVSPS folk for a Day at the Creek III Saturday September 23, 11 am to Whenever, Farnham, Virginia

Bring a lawn chair, favorite water toy (paddleboards, jet skis, canoes, rafts, small trailerable boats and your life jackets). Go fishing and crabbing! (Yes, we now have a crab pot). Mary can catch a crab! Don't want o drive back? We have spare bedrooms.

We will provide hamburger, crabcakes and hot dogs or brats. Bring a side dish or dessert if you want.

RSVP by Sept. 16 MJHinkins@ms.com, 303-349-0106 or DaveHinkins@msn.com, 303-349-3000

Hinkins Residence 443 Indian Banks Rd, Farnham, VA 22460

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 parent's welcome.

Caution - Liquor, Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks will be served.



New 50th Anniversary NVSPS Burgee

Orders may be made 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 was May 14, 2017.

In honor of this accomplishment, the squadron will take orders for the new burgees to be delivered at a 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



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Mail order form	P/C Gale Alls, SN	H 703-569-1511,
With payment to:	7800 Braemar Way	C 703-987-8421,
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September

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October

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- 20 Lt/C Sean P. Gallagher, AP
- 20 Susan E. Gallagher
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