



# of TARS & TERNS



We are planning the Fall and Winter seminar schedule at West Marine. **If you have interest in teaching a seminar on any the following topics, contact SEO.** Using GPS, Knots, Bends and Hitches, Marine Radar, Anchoring, Paddling safety, Weather



**Ship 1942 Sea Scouts Cruise the Southern Chesapeake Bay**

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*Photo by Mike Taylor*

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### September

26 Executive Committee Meeting. All members welcome. Location BoatUS.

### October

13 **Oktoberfest and General Membership Mtg** at Fairfax Yacht Club (No Wed Mtg in Oct)

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24 Executive Committee Meeting. All members welcome. First meeting at new location TBA.

### November

3 America's Boating Course and next 2 Saturdays. Arlington, VA See p. 4

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### General Membership Meeting.

New Location: Los Tios Grill, 241 S. Van Dorn St. Alexandria, VA. Arrive and order food between 7:00 and 7:30 pm. Mtg at 7:30

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Executive Committee Meeting.

### December

No meetings

### January 2019

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**Holiday Party**—Springfield Golf and Country Club, 1800. [www.sgccva.org](http://www.sgccva.org)

*More: <http://www.nvsps.org/docs/calendar.pdf>*



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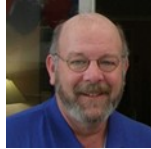
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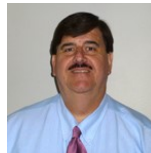
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**November Meeting Location Only: Los Tios Grill Restaurant in the glass room. 241 S. Van Dorn St. Alexandria. VA [www.lostiosgrill.com](http://www.lostiosgrill.com). The meeting location may be different in January.**

Wed. evening Gen Memb mtgs will begin at 1930 on the **2nd Wed of each month** except no mtgs in Aug. and Dec. The May and Oct mtgs will be combined with other events on diff days. Social Time 1900-1930. Changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron website.

### Thanks to BoatUS!

We thank BoatUS for giving us mtg space for 29 years and wish them well on their move. Starting Nov 2018, our squadron will start mtg at a new location. Send suggestions to the Commander.

P/C Gale Alls and P/C Dick Durgin are on the lookout for new **interesting and educational** places to visit. Call Gale at 703-569-1511 or Dick at 703-560-9106 with ideas.

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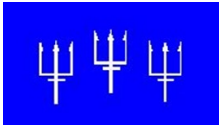
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## Message from the Commander



Dear Fellow Members,

I encourage you to enjoy the **United States Boat Shows in Annapolis:**

October 4-8—Sailboat Show <https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/>

October 11-14—Powerboat Show *Both show guides are available online*

Get together for lunch with squadron members and other squadrons or attend a seminar together.

**The District 5 USPS Fall Conference** will be October 26-28, 2018 in Annapolis, MD.

Register at <http://www.uspsd5.org> and look for updated information and seminar topics there.

Also, Please send in your suggestions for new meeting places near you!

Safe voyages, Cdr. Charles Hurley, JN



I heard the Williams & Heintz Map Corp Tour was interesting. See Page 9



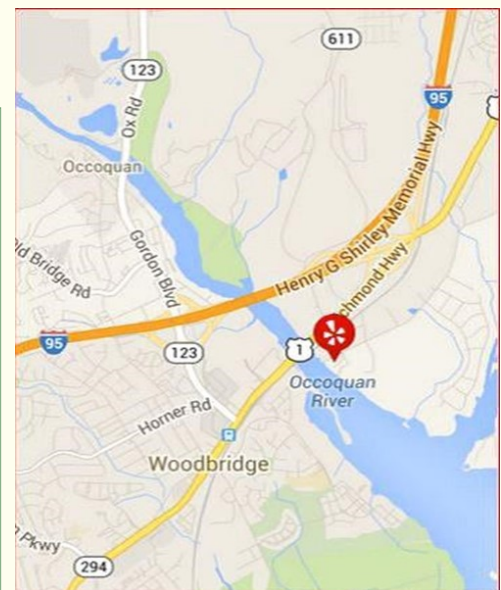
### Take a trip to the NVSPS Ship Store

Our online Ship's Store at our website <http://nvspgstores.com> offers shirts, jackets, totebags, and hats with our 50th anniversary gold bordered burgee. Watch for sales.

Burgees can be ordered from P/C Gale Alls, [galeandev@aol.com](mailto:galeandev@aol.com).

Boat Under	Burgee Size	Price
20'	10" X 15"	\$24.00 ea
30'	12" X 18"	\$26.75 ea
40'	14" X 21"	\$27.50 ea

Nametags can be ordered from <https://cpdean.com> or by calling 804-355-6588. Pin, clutch or magnet backing available.



Fairfax Yacht Club,  
Mason Neck, VA. Page 5



## Message from the Educational Officer

### America's Boating Course - Boating Safety (ABC-3)

Saturdays November 3, 10, and 17, mornings, 4 hours per day at St. George's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA  
Open to the public, USPS members, Sea Scouts. \$50

Recognized by VA and MD, satisfying their state boat safety requirements, results in nationally recognized certificate and wallet card. Course content info:

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

Contact Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP, [seo@nvsp.org](mailto:seo@nvsp.org), to register.

Do you know how to throw a throw rope?

Learn at Oktoberfest. We'll have one, but bring yours or buy one at West Marine.



Ph Credit: Claire Wyngaard



### From the Vessel Safety Check Chair P/C Rich Unis, JN

The VSC program is a very important ongoing public service effort sponsored by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadrons and BoatUS. Qualified Vessel Examiners (VEs) from both organizations provide courtesy safety checks to mariners to ensure required safety equipment is aboard and in operational condition. In addition, the VEs discuss safe boating practices while conducting their reviews to ensure boaters are well informed of their

responsibilities. Most importantly, VEs award the VSC decal to boat owners whose vessels meet the minimum safety requirements. The decals are affixed to the port side of a boat in plain view of marine law enforcement personnel (US Coast Guard and Auxiliary personnel, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Officers and Maryland Department of Natural Resource Police, etc). Merely having the decal won't guarantee a vessel won't be stopped and boarded but it does send a message to the boating law enforcement personnel and the public that the boat owner is conscientious and took the time to ensure they had the proper safety equipment on board. It's still up to the boat owner/operator to comply with boating laws and regulations.

**We could conduct far more VSCs but we need more VEs.** If you would like to become a VE, please let me know. You will need to study the VSC manual and take a quick certification exam, then conduct five VSCs in the presence of a qualified VE before becoming certified and able to conduct them on your own. It's not overly difficult and it's a lot of fun. I particularly enjoy meeting other boaters and assisting them to ensure their vessel contains all of the required safety equipment in order to meet the requirements to be awarded the VSC decal. You never know when your efforts just might save a life. Besides that, it's a great learning experience. I have already learned a lot about various vessels. Come join the program!

Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN at 703-777-8378 or at [skipperunis@gmail.com](mailto:skipperunis@gmail.com)

You are invited to

**NVSPS OKTOBERFEST and Membership Meeting**  
Saturday 13 October 2018, 11:30 to 16:00

Picnic and Vessel Safety Checks

**Fairfax Yacht Club on the Occoquan**



Please bring your favorite dish to share.

To help defray expenses, please offer \$5 at the door. Questions may be sent to Secretary Evelyn Alls. Contact info page 2.

Photo by Fairfax Yacht Club

Map page 3.

Fairfax Yacht Club, 10721 Colchester Road. Mason Neck, VA 22079, 703-339-8736  
[www.FairfaxYachtClub.com](http://www.FairfaxYachtClub.com)

Directions to The Fairfax Yacht Club: From the 495 Beltway: Drive south on I95 from the Beltway and take the exit for Woodbridge via US Rt. 1 south. Turn left at Furnace Road, which is at the first traffic light. This is just prior to the Occoquan River Bridge. Follow Furnace Road through the railroad underpass (Caution one car wide and a blind turn, sound your horn before entering). Continue about another 75-100 yards where Furnace Road bears to the left and joins Old Colchester Road. Do not bear to the left but proceed straight across. This is a private lane, which leads into the Fairfax Yacht Club. Follow this lane through the gate (it will be open) and park at any open space. (see map on page 3)

### ***Introduction to the Marine Sextant***

October 20, 10 am - 11 am, \$8.00

Location: Roll-Top Observatory classroom at Turner Farm Park,  
Great Falls, VA Register on Fairfax County Parks website:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes>

Ph: 703-222-4664



Photo: Gale Alls

## Scenes from the Chesapeake Bay Sea Scout Ship 1942 Late July "Long Cruise"

Photos and notes by Mike Taylor, Mate, Ship 1942  
and Boat Captain of *Respite*, a 35' 1969 Allied Seabreeze Sloop

Every year, Sea Scout Ship 1942 embarks on a 1 1/2 week cruise on a section of the Chesapeake Bay. This year's late July cruise was to the southern third with a flotilla of four sailboats, 6 adults, and 18 Sea Scouts. As we were entering the Bay from the Patuxent River, a pod of playful dolphins escorted us along for a half hour or so - a great omen for our trip!

All four of my crew up on the windward side to soak in the sun in one long 4 1/2 hour starboard tack across the Bay from St. Mary's College to Tangier Island - the only time I got the helm throughout the whole cruise!



Every scout on the windward rail of *Respite*

We were able to dodge bad weather the entire trip until our last day when we were coming back into Point Patience Marina, our home port, on Sunday when we had to stand off / sail about to allow three rain storms to pass across the Patuxent River.

For more about Sea Scouting see [www.seascout1942.com](http://www.seascout1942.com). Come sail with us Monday evenings at the Washington Sailing Marina (Sept 24, Oct 1, 8, 15 and 22). In the winter, meetings are in Arlington. Details online.



Osprey nests were everywhere on the Bay

Ship 1942 Events. Contact Sea Scouts for more information  
 Merit Badges Afloat, September 22-23 at Washington Sailing Marina.  
 Picnic and Bridge of Honor, October 4  
 Parents Committee Meeting, October 10  
 Other events: weekend canoe trip, boat bottom painting, USPS Courses, Flying Scots winterizing, Parade of Lights

## The Sea Scout Ship 1942 is looking for a Sailrite Sewing Machine

(see Sailrite site for what we mean, <https://www.sailrite.com/> )

Donations: Contact Mike Taylor, [mlftaylor@att.net](mailto:mlftaylor@att.net)

### NVSPS Member Birthdays!

#### October

William Wright	1
Morgan Rathjen	4
Sean Gallagher	20
Susan Gallagher	20
Francis Williamson	24

#### November

Tabb Schaeffer	3
Dean Markussen	5
Guy Arnos	12
Jere Dando	19
Mary Jane Hinkins	22
James Moody	24
Dwight Bues	29



## ***Who's Who in the Squadron, Part 3 of 3 The Elected Committees By P/C Alan Hart, AP***

In addition to the Executive Committee, three other committees are elected by the membership at the squadron's Annual Meeting. These are the Nominating Committee (6 members), the Rules Committee (6 members) and the Auditing Committee (3 members). All members of these committees are elected; the members of each committee select their own chair each year.

The Nominating Committee proposes (nominates) candidates for all elected positions. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition or by squadron members from the floor at the Annual Meeting. No one may be nominated for any position without his or her consent. Members of the Nominating Committee may not be nominated for, nor serve in, any bridge position.

The Rules Committee is the guardian of adherence to USPS and squadron bylaws and policy. It prepares amendments and revisions to the squadron bylaws as may be necessary to keep them current.

The Auditing Committee conducts an audit of the squadron's financial records as of the end of the squadron's fiscal year and reports its findings to the membership. Accounting or auditing experience is helpful but not required.

Any member with experience or interest in any of these activities should contact the Nominating Committee. More detailed information may be found in the Squadron Bylaws, Sections 5 and 6, located online at [nvsp.org](http://nvsp.org).

**Please direct questions to P/C Alan Hart, AP, Member at Large and Nominating Committee Chair.** contact info listed on page 2.

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

USPS 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 2018 to Merit Mark Chair Jean Durgin at [ridurgin@aol.com](mailto:ridurgin@aol.com) by 15 October 2018. 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 to recognize everyone's contributions to NVSPS. Feel free to submit a brief description of your service directly to Jean Durgin ([ridurgin@aol.com](mailto:ridurgin@aol.com)) by 15 October 2018.

**BoatU.S. Magazine Photo Contest Deadline Oct 31, 2018. Each Category Prize is**

**ACR Personal Locator Beacon Survival Kit!**

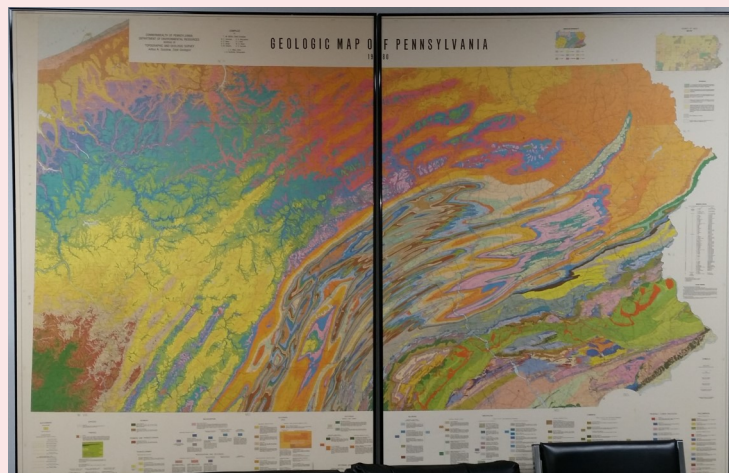
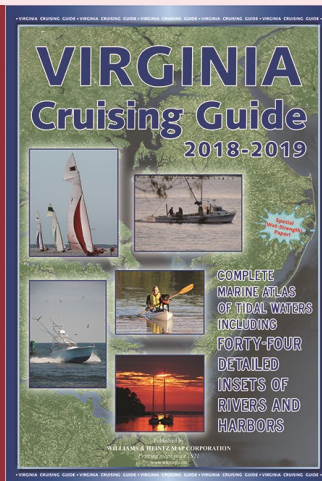
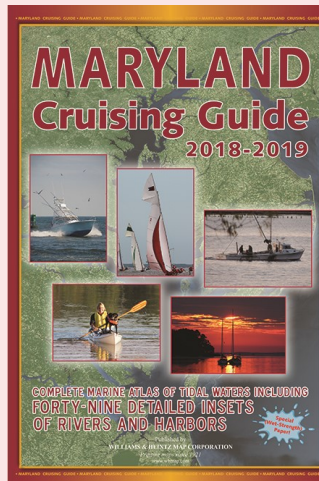
**[www.BoatUS.com/magazine/contest](http://www.BoatUS.com/magazine/contest)**





**Thanks to Williams & Heintz Map Corporation** for our tour of their amazing map and chart printing facility. Our tour guide was Cruising Charts specialist, Robin Heintz Luxenburg, who is an Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron member. Please visit their booth at District 5 conferences and boat shows for a squadron discount.

*More photos  
online at  
nvsp.org  
soon*



One of their specialties is folding. One of many machines (above). They have some historic equipment. Alan Hart says he worked with a camera even bigger than this one! (left) Geologic maps on display radiated every color, like this one of Pennsylvania.

Camera photo by Mike Taylor. Charts photo by W&H Map Corp. Other photos by C. Wyngaard.

**Video at <http://www.whchartbook.com/>**



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 Boating Safety Course Starts Nov 3  
 Oktoberfest! Saturday October 13

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