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Nominations for NVSPS positions are sought. Elections March 13. P.7



Wanted: West Marine Seminar Presenters Contact Education Officer



The NVSPS Holiday Party was just as fun in January, as it has been in December. A great way to start the year! Here are just a few who attended.

February

- 13 Gen Membership Meeting, Burke CFC Library
- 19-24 USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm GMRFCL

March

- 8-10 Nat Capital Boat Show, Chantilly, VA. See p 6
- 13 **Gen Memb. Mtg and Elections**, BCFL, 7 pm
- 24 Change of Watch Ceremony, Springfield Golf & Country Club, Springfield, VA
- 27 New Exec Committee Mtg GMRFCL 7 pm

- 28 -31 District 5 Spring Conference, Ocean City, MD
- 30 Gourmet Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser for Sea Scout Ship 1942, Page 4



April

- 10 Gen Membership Mtg, 7 pm BCFL
- 24 Executive Committee Meeting, 7 pm GMRFCL

May

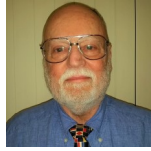
- 18 Spring Picnic, Gen. Membership Mtg, Kayak Presentation, Vessel Safety Checks, Fairfax Yacht Club



Bridge Officers

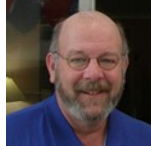
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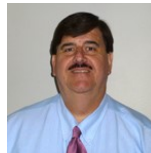
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NEW Meeting Locations:

Feb 13 and Mar 13: Burke Centre Fairfax Co. Library, 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015, 703-249-1520. Meeting at 7 pm.

Feb 27 and Mar 27: George Mason Reg. Fairfax Co. Library, 7001 Little River Tpk, Annandale, VA 22003, 703-256-3800. Small Conference Room. Meeting at 7 pm. Opens at 6:30 pm

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/>

Wed. evening Gen Memb mtgs are on the **2nd Wed of each month** except no mtgs in Aug. and Dec. The May and Oct mtgs are combined with other events on different days. Changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron website.

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



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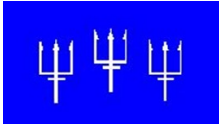
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Message from the Commander



Happy New Year!

I have enjoyed serving as your Commander. The following is a re-cap of what I consider the major achievements that took place on my watch as squadron commander 2018-2019. They concern the financial viability of the squadron, and the search for a new meeting location.

Staying in Budget, so far

The first, concerning the continued ability of the squadron to meet its normal operating expenses out of current income. Our membership has decreased, so incoming dues have decreased. While the squadron has cash reserves, the decision of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) was to not use any of these cash reserves to support the normal operating expenses of the squadron. The actions taken are expected to continue beyond the current annual budget. The results of this decision by the EXCOM have largely been successful in this matter.

The EXCOM decided to reduce operating expenses for the projected 2018-19 budget in two (2) major areas. The first, was the decision to reduce the number of printed copies of the newsletter to remove it from bulk mailing size (included extra copies mailed to meet the 200 piece minimum) and the associated postal bulk mail fee. Over 10 people opted out of the paper delivery to read it online, which allowed us to reduce the mailing size, save over \$100 per issue AND mail it first class. A win-win! It is free online for all to see. We increased our "Friends of NVSPS" emailing list to email to more people. Send your friends to our website (www.NVSPS.org) so they know when our meetings and events are.

Also special thanks to our printer, Allegra Fairfax, (<https://www.allegramarketingprint.com/locations/fairfax-va/>) for allowing us to print a low number of newsletters (below their minimum), staple, fold and tab as a good service, and appreciation for our many years of printing with them. We appreciate being able to stay with them. It would cost more elsewhere.

Trying to Stay Sustainable

The second, was the decision of the EXCOM to make a new policy to require all squadron social activities to be self-supporting financially. The attendance fees of each social activity should support itself. If we wanted to consider exceptions, it has forced the EXCOM to approve each one.

Still Looking for the Perfect Meeting Space

After 29 years, the availability of BoatUS Headquarters meeting place ended in October 2018 due to their move to a new location and policy change of not accommodating outside organization meetings. We began the search for new locations before the move. Please keep sending me your ideas.

The last general membership meeting was at a free Fairfax County library meeting room and we are fortunate to have many location choices. The next two will be at a different library (see page 2). We need to choose free locations as we don't have extra funds for meeting spaces. Unfortunate we are not permitted to bring food into the libraries, so we are looking for a place that would allow some refreshments. Please continue to send me your ideas.

While the squadron's leadership will continue to search for more acceptable meetings locations, I would urge individual members to support our squadron by attending the next two (2) very important general membership meetings where the nomination committee makes its report for the next election (February 13) and the voting takes place (March 13) for the 2019-20 elected squadron leadership.

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Sea Scout Ship 1942 Update

Sea Scout Mate Mike Taylor was kind enough to attend our January 9th meeting to update the Squadron with the accomplishments and opportunities Sea Scout Ship 1942 provides.

Proud Graduation Time

In the past year, 5 Quartermasters, 2 women and 3 men, were promoted to the top rank in Sea Scouts. Most have reached Eagle or Gold Scout level with the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts as well. Four are in college. One is senior in High School with plans to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Cruising the Chesapeake Bay

Fortunate to have the Chesapeake Bay in its back yard, the Ship explores a third of the Bay each Summer; this past Summer it explored the Southern lower 3rd of bay, as reported in the October 2018 NVSPS newsletter (at www.nvsps.org). The Ship had 4 long boats (28' +) participate, three of them belonging to the Sea Scouts.

Camps Galore

Camp Able “rank camp” took place at the Solomons Island Naval Recreation Center where Mike spent a week teaching skills associated with the Able rank – large boat handling (both under power and sail), docking, anchoring, etc.

Followed by a Lifeguard Camp week where the scouts attending earned their Red Cross and Sea Scout Lifeguard certificates.

Fall and Spring “Merit Badges Afloat” program, in which the Ship offers Boy and Girl scout units from around the area to come to the Washington Sailing Marina for an overnight encampment and 2 days of intensive sailing instruction and ground training ashore at the end of which they earn oceanography, weather, and sailing merit badges.

Winterizing and Winter Events

As the weather turned colder, the scouts winterized the Flying Scot day sailors themselves., removing rudders and tillers and other loose items from each boat; tying the boats down to the trailers; and lashing the trailers to the grounding anchors. Additionally, they lash down tarps over the booms to keep rain, snow, and debris from getting into the boats.

They participated in the Solomons Island **Parade of Lights** in December, decorating three sailboats with Christmas lights and constructing cardboard and Christmas light “stars” to haul aloft. Their efforts yielded 2 winners and a lot of fun navigating around the course at night with over 20 other boats! After a chilly overnight sleeping on the boats, they winterized four sailboats – changing oil and filters and pumping anti-freeze through the engines and internal plumbing on those boats too!

In January, the scouts enjoyed their annual two night “Christmas Party” encampment at the Blackburn Cabin on the Appalachian Trail – hiking on the trail, cooking for the group, playing games, and keeping the two wood stoves “fed”. The “blind gift exchange” is always the highlight, with many clever gifts being opened and sought after.

Upcoming Events:

Winter training Boating Safety and Nav. courses with NVSPS Education Officer, Dean Markussen and Jay Nelson.

Summer plans for the **Summer Long Cruise** are to sail the central part of Bay, including anchoring off of the Bayfields Bed & Breakfast on the West River <https://bayfields.org/> with a wide variety of learning and water activities. Additionally, they will dock at a variety of marinas on the Bay in the 12-day cruise, getting a broad wealth of experience in navigation, sailing, food provisioning and cooking, not to mention gaining access to swimming pools, ice cream parlors, and maritime museums along the way.

March 30 Fundraiser! A Gourmet Pasta dinner and silent auction fundraiser to benefit Sea Scout Ship 1942, is planned at the St. George’s Episcopal Church in Arlington, Va. Funds are needed for boat maintenance, wet and dry slips, boat insurance, and camp programs. For more information contact Mike Taylor at MLFTaylor@att.net. Tell your kids and grandkids about their website www.SeaScout1942.com to whet their appetites for joining in on the fun being a Sea Scout.

New Newsletter Editor Needed

I have enjoyed compiling the newsletter for two and a half years. Increased opportunities at work and in my personal life have forced me to redirect my energies in other directions.

I am happy to help anyone get started with the newsletter. It could be a rotating job where volunteers sign up to do it for just a few months at a time. My last issue will be the March 2019 issue, so you will need someone to prepare April communications.

Sincerely,

Claire Wyngaard, AP

NVSPS Newsletter Editor

Statement as submitted

to the Executive Committee on January 7



Claire and Dave have enjoyed cruises with the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron aboard their 44' ketch

The Squadron has helped me prepare for a sailing life.

Dave and I are planning long cruises. - Claire

Due to the Government Shutdown, Federal Govt websites say they are not/may not be updated, such as Local Notice to Mariners, USCG, NOAA, Office of Coastal Survey, NOAA Buoy Apps and other sites. The Nat. Weather Service will remain operational.

USPS District 5 Spring Conference

28-31 March 2019

Princess Royal Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland

www.USPSD5.org

Meeting—Classes—Awards—50/50 Drawing

Hotel Reservation Deadline March 7

Meal Reservations Deadline March 10



2019 National Capital Boat Show Lectures

www.NationalCapitalBoatShow.com March 8-10

Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA

Schedule Subject to Change

Friday, March 8

12:00PM – Dwight F. Bues, AP – America’s Boating Club Northern Virginia – **Electrical Wiring and Connectors**

2:00PM – P/C Jay Nelson, AP, America’s Boating Club Northern Virginia– **Trailer**

4:00PM – Bill Washington – President of CAPCA - **Navigation Safety**

5:00PM – P/C Rich Unis, JN— America’s Boating Club Northern Virginia— **General Boating Safety**

Saturday, March 9

11:00AM – Dwight F. Bues, AP – America’s Boating Club Northern Virginia – **Electrical Wiring and Connectors**

1:00PM – Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP— America’s Boating Club Northern Virginia - **Trailer**

2:00PM —Todd Skiles – Commodore for the Sea Scouts in the National Capital Area Council -
Sea Scouts: Charting a course to Adventure. Forming the next generation

3:00PM — Bill Washington – President of the CAPCA - **Navigation Safety**

5:00PM — Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP— America’s Boating Club Northern Virginia — **General Boating Safety**

Sunday, March 10

11:00am — Dwight F. Bues, AP – America’s Boating Club Northern Virginia – **Electrical Wiring and Connectors**

1:00PM —P/C Jay Nelson, AP— America’s Boating Club Northern Virginia—**Trailer**

2:00PM — Hans J. Hoffmann – Secretary of CAPCA—Navigation--**Essential skills and the use and pitfalls of electronic navigation devices**



Get Certified as a Vessel Safety Check Examiner

Message from 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. 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. **We could conduct far more VSCs but we need more VEs.** If you would like to become a VE, 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. Come join the program! Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN at 703-777-8378 or at skipperunis@gmail.com

The following members of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron are nominated for the offices indicated for the 2019-2020 bridge year. Elections will be held at the squadron's annual meeting on **13 March 2019**. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time. Those elected will be installed at our Annual Change-of-Watch on **24 March 2019** at the Springfield Golf and Country Club.

Bridge Officers

Commander Cdr Charles P. Hurley, JN
Executive Officer Lt/C Sean Gallagher, AP
Education Officer Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP
Administrative Officer Position Open
Secretary Lt/C Evelyn Alls, P
Treasurer P/C Frederick Zugay, JN

Auditing Committee

P/C Richard E. Unis, JN
P/C Francis Williamson, AP
Position Open

Nominating Committee

P/C Jere Dando, AP
P/C Alan Hart, AP
P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP
P/C Richard Unis, JN
Position Open

Members at Large of the Executive Committee

P/C Alan Hart, AP
Lt Walter Lazear, AP
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP
P/C Richard E. Unis, JN
Position Open

Rules Committee

Lt/C Evelyn Alls, P
P/C Gale Alls, SN
P/C Richard Durgin, JN
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP
Position Open

Respectfully submitted,
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*Being a Member at Large is a great way to participate in the Executive Committee meeting discussions. Anyone can attend these meetings, but a Member at Large can vote. Your name can be listed with the Bridge on the website and in the newsletter. If you are contacted by another member, can bring concerns to the Bridge.—
Claire Wyngaard, Member at Large*

**To learn more about our Squadron's positions,
committees, meeting requirements, voting procedures
and more,
See the America's Boating Club Northern Virginia Bylaws at
<http://www.nvsps.org/byarch/2012bylaw.pdf>**



*Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron
cordially invites you to its*

52nd Change of Watch

on

Sunday, March 24, 2019

12:30 pm until 4:00 pm

at

Springfield Golf & Country Club

8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, Virginia 22152

- 12:30 Social time, cash bar
- 1:00 Commander's Welcome
- 1:15 Buffet Luncheon: Sweet Corn Chowder, Roast Pork Tenderloin, Southern Fried Chicken, Bacon and Cheddar Macaroni and Cheese, Skillet Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Warm Rolls and Butter, Seasonal Fruit Cobbler
- 2:30 Change of Watch ceremonies

Uniform or business attire

Driving directions at www.sgccva.org. Handicapped accessible.

Response Card

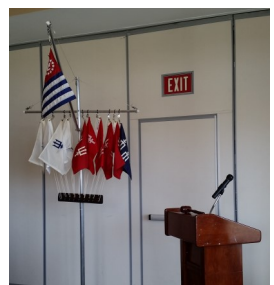
Cost for each person attending is \$35.00.

Members attending: _____

Guests attending: _____

Enclosed check payable to NVSPS for \$_____ for _____ attendees

Please mail this response card with check to P/C Gale Alls, SN,
7800 Braemar Way, Springfield VA 22153 by Fri., March 15, 2019.
Direct questions to galeandev@aol.com or 703-569-1511.



Fawcett Boat Supply has a great Seminar Series again this year! <http://www.fawcettboat.com/>

Also see <http://PropTalk.com> — <http://SpinSheet.com> — <http://www.FishTalkMag.com>

**Presentation May 18—At the Spring Picnic
Planned to be at the Fairfax Yacht Club, Virginia**

Rich Unis will show us how he made his wooden Wood Duck kayak May 18



Rich Unis will discuss the course he took at the WoodenBoat School in Brooklin, ME, in Aug, 2018, to build a 12 foot Wood Duck kayak. He will give a slide presentation showing the steps he took to build the boat, along with photos of the process, culminating in the finishing, fitting out and launch of the kayak. He will have the kayak at the picnic so everyone can see the finished product!

Time TBA.

Download the Course Catalog Here
<https://www.thewoodenboatschool.com/?r=wbstnews.wed.01.02.19b>



Birthday Wishes!

January

Gale Alls	1
Claire Wyngaard	13
Sue Karjala	17
Richard Durgin	23

February

Richard Cohen	8
Keith Clark	9
Kathleen Arnos	20
John Karjala	22
Keith Segerson	27

March

John Genco	5
Michael Card	7
H. David O'Malie	9
Gary Church	10
Yeuan-Ming Sheu	10
Margaret Gallagher	13
Lawrence Bahl	15
W. Thomas Ballew	19
Robert Hughlett	25



Save The Date
Oktoberfest
October 19
Fairfax Yacht Club



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