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Wanted: West Marine Seminar Presenters Contact Education Officer

National Safe Boating Week — May 18-24

www.weather.gov/safety/safeboating-week

May 18 Spring Picnic

The Spring Picnic is being held at the Fairfax Yacht Club. See page 4 for details and sign-up.

Rich Unis will be showing his home-built wooden kayak and giving a slide show about how he made it.

Come learn!



NVSPS Cdr Charles Hurley, JN receives the oath of office from D5 Cdr Bradley Humphrey, JN. See pages 6-8 for more.

May

- 18 **Spring Picnic, Gen. Membership Meeting, Kayak Presentation, Vessel Safety Checks,** Fairfax Yacht Club, VA. See p 4 and 9
- 22 ExCom Meeting, 6:30 pm Geo. Mason Lib.

June

- 8 **Calvert Marine Museum Visit and Picnic,** Solomons, MD. See page 5
- 11 **Tuesday!** Gen Membership Mtg, 7:30 pm AP HQ
- 26 ExCom Meeting, 6:30 pm Geo. Mason Lib.

July

- 8 Gen Membership Mtg, 7:30 pm AP HQ
- 24 ExCom Meeting, 6:30 pm Geo. Mason Lib.

September

- 9 Gen Membership Mtg, 7:30 pm AP HQ
- 25 ExCom Meeting, 6:30 pm Geo. Mason Lib.



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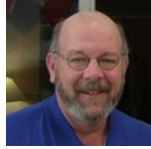
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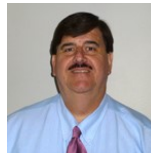
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NEW Meeting Locations:

Gen. Membership Mtgs: : Alexandria Police HQ Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Ave , Alexandria, VA at 7:30 pm

Executive Committee Mtgs: May 22 & June 26 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

Gen Membership *meetings* are on the **2nd Monday of each month** *except no meetings in Aug. and Dec. The May and Oct meetings are combined with other events on different days.*

NOTE: June 2019 meeting will be Tuesday June 11. Changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron website.

FIELD TRIPS — 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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5th Member at Large **open position. Contact Alan Hart**

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Message from the Executive Officer



Ahoy Fellow Boaters,

Just a short note from the Bridge to remind you of our upcoming events. The first of these events is the Spring picnic on 18 May at Fairfax Yacht Club. Rich Unis is bringing his hand-made man-powered vessel and will describe the process of making it up in the north country of Maine. We will have a short membership meeting for general announcements and be conducting Vessel Safety inspections in case you want to arrive by boat. Remember that 18 May is the start of National Safe Boating Week so please check your “inspectables” list to insure you have all the gear you’re required to have and that it’s in working order. Pay particular attention to worn life preservers, expired flares and burned out bulbs.

Next up will be the trip to the Calvert Marine Museum in June followed by a cookout at the Segerson’s. This promises to be a very memorable family event so plan accordingly. There will be a reminder email coming out on this event with further details concerning directions, moorings and slips for those that choose to come to the cookout by boat and what goodies to bring along with you.

Would like to give a big shout out to Dwight Bues for his presentation of electrical systems and electrical component maintenance at our last General Membership meeting. He made a very complex subject easier to understand and provided suggestions on what to look for when assessing the condition of your own electrical system.

Lastly, we are still in need of adding to our membership roles and you as members are the Ambassadors of America’s Boating Club of Northern Virginia. Very few new members will have joined by chance, they have to be asked, so please take the opportunity to invite your friends and other acquaintances to join. If they have particular interests, let’s see if we can accommodate them. If any new or potential members would like to contribute to rebuilding the Squadron and its activities, we have many open positions and can certainly offer them a challenge.

See you out on the water real soon !

XO

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Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron



2019 Spring Picnic

Saturday 18 May

12:00 to 16:00 hrs.

Fairfax Yacht Club

Join us for food and drinks

Combined with the May meeting

and a Special Presentation

Vessel Safety Checks will be available



Photos courtesy Fairfax Yacht Club

Presentation Info on page 9

To help defray expenses there is a \$5.00 charge for each member and guest, payable at door.

Member Name/Guests: _____

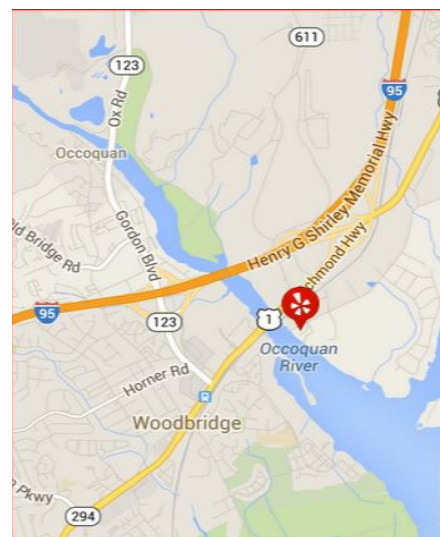
Please inform me what your favorite, appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert you will be bringing to share! _____

Yes, I can help with Setup ___ Cleanup ___

Call, mail form or email response to Secretary Evelyn Alls,
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Fairfax Yacht Club, 10721 Colchester Road. Mason Neck, VA 22079, 703-339-8736,
www.fairfaxyachtclub.com/

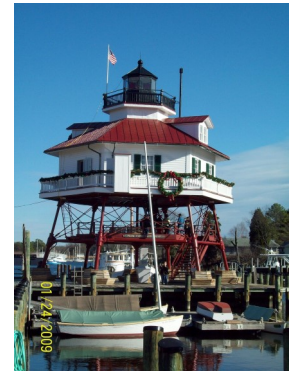
From the Beltway Driving South: Drive south on I-95 from the Beltway and take the exit for Woodbridge via US Rt. 1 south. Turn left at Furnace Road, which is at the first traffic light. This is just prior to the Occoquan River Bridge. Follow Furnace Road through the railroad underpass (Caution one car 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.



RSVP today! We hope to see you!

June 8, 2019

**Calvert Marine Museum visit &
picnic hosted by P/C Keith & Janet Segerson
in Solomons, MD**



Credit: Pubdog

10:00 am Visit Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons, MD 20688

Phone 410-326-2042, open 10 am to 5 pm

Admission: **Group rates for NVSPS members - \$6.00.**

Check www.calvertmarinemuseum.com for all the interesting things to see including the adorable river otters, Drum Point lighthouse, historic Chesapeake Bay vessels, fossils and much more.

1:00 pm Meet for lunch at P/C Keith & Janet Segerson's weekend home across Back Creek from the museum at 285 Oyster Bay Place, Solomons (Dowell), MD

Please bring folding chairs and your favorite picnic food to share. Cold drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs and (maybe) steamed crabs will be provided.

Driving directions: From Rt. 4, near the Solomons Volunteer Fire Department, turn onto Dowell Road and proceed to the formal entrance of Oyster Bay Condos, across the street from Grandma's Antique Store. Turn right onto Oyster Bay Place to Keith's at #285 (first driveway on left). Parking is available beside Keith's house.

If you choose to come by boat and spend the weekend in Solomons, there are several nice marinas with transient slips, pools, bike rentals, etc. Keith has a pier with electricity and can shuttle folks from the anchorage in Hidden Cove nearby. Please coordinate that with Keith (cell 703-772-8297).

RSVP to rjdurjin@aol.com by May 25 so that we can provide enough cold drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs and also send you last minute updates by email.

**Visit the Lighthouse Page of the Museum Website:
<http://calvertmarinemuseum.com/190/Lighthouses>**



52nd Change of Watch Held at SGCC



Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron members celebrated their 52nd Change of Watch on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at Springfield Golf & Country Club with traditional ceremonies and a delicious buffet luncheon.

Master of Ceremonies P/C Alan Hart started the proceedings by introducing current bridge officers and honored guests, District 5 Cdr. Bradley Humphrey and Megan Humphrey. Alan then led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Ceremonies continued after lunch with D5 Cdr. Bradley Humphrey's remarks about the importance of keeping squadron education fun and communications relevant and fresh. He said we can make education fun. His example was a hilarious airline safety announcement that included, among other things, instructions for an oxygen emergency: "When the mask drops from the ceiling, pull it down and insert 75 cents for the first minute of air." Everyone was chuckling by the end of his remarks.

Cdr. Charles Hurley thanked several members who went "above and beyond" in service to the squadron in the last year:

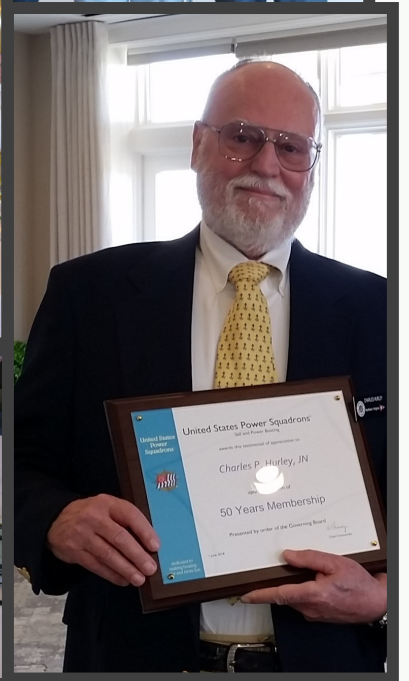
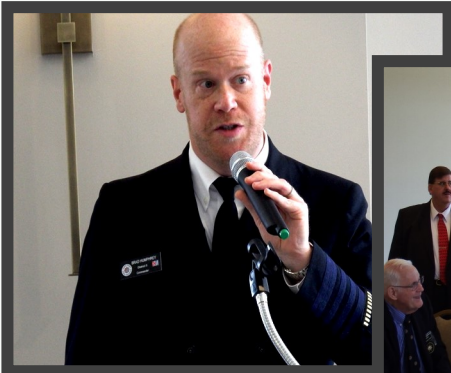
- Executive Officer **Sean Gallagher** for securing a new meeting place at Alexandria Police HQ.
- Secretary **Evelyn Alls** for making all arrangements for the Change of Watch.
- Education Officer **Dean Markussen** for guiding the education program through another year.
- Editor **Claire Wyngaard** for skillfully editing our award-winning newsletter for three years.
- Webmaster **Walt Lazear** for building and maintaining our award-winning web site for many years.
- **Gale and Evelyn Alls** and **Dick and Jean Durgin** for multiple contributions.

The following 2019-20 bridge officers and members at large were sworn in and presented to the assembly:

- Cdr. Charles Hurley, JN
- Lt/C Sean Gallagher, AP, Executive Officer
- Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP, Squadron Education Officer
- P/C Frederick Zugay, JN, Treasurer
- Lt/C Evelyn Alls, P, Secretary
- P/C Alan Hart, AP, Member at Large
- P/C Richard Unis, JN, Member at Large
- P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP, Member at Large
- D/Lt Walter Lazear, AP, Member at Large



D5 Cdr. Humphrey presented Cdr. Hurley with the USPS 50 year membership pin.



Who was that serious Sea Scout so ably handling the Commander's flags as Flag Lieutenant at the Change of Watch ceremony? It was Boatswain Quartermaster Cole Smith of Sea Scout Ship 1942. Here's some background about this accomplished young man.



Boatswain Cole's personal performance while at the Sea Scout summer SEAL 1-week at-sea leadership training week on Long Island Sound is directly a result of the fantastic Power Squadron's coastal "Piloting" instruction provided by his USPS Instructor Jay Nelson.

Cole was the first teenager to take this at-sea course and score a perfect 100% on his SEAL "Piloting" written exam. During Cole's 24-hour day as the SEAL vessel "Navigator," the standard was to know your location at all times and produce a verbal "Navigational Report" every 30-minutes to the Ship's Bridge.

That was too easy for Boatswain Cole. Once totally satisfied about Cole's Piloting navigation performance, his SEAL Course Instructor requested he try doing a "Navigational Report" to the Bridge, every 15-minutes. He was able to do that for 4-hours while underway.

Because of that unheard of performance from a 16-year old teenager at the time - Cole was selected as 1 of 6 Sea Scouts nationwide to sail aboard one week with the U.S. Coast Guard's 295-foot Eagle barque with their Cadets under training last summer. In addition, Cole's leadership led the Sea Scout Ship 1942 to its fifth "Flagship Fleet Award" for 2018. The "Flagship Fleet" is the final four annually of all Sea Scout units nation-wide. No other Sea Scout unit has repeated that feat more than once.

Again the annual USPS winter courses of ABC-3, Seamanship, and coastal Piloting continue to make our teenagers the smartest and very best Sea Scout boat handlers on the water anywhere. Thank you.

Don't Give up the Ship,

Tom Ballew (NVS&PS)

Skipper, Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' - Dragonlady

2014 & 2007 "National Flagship"

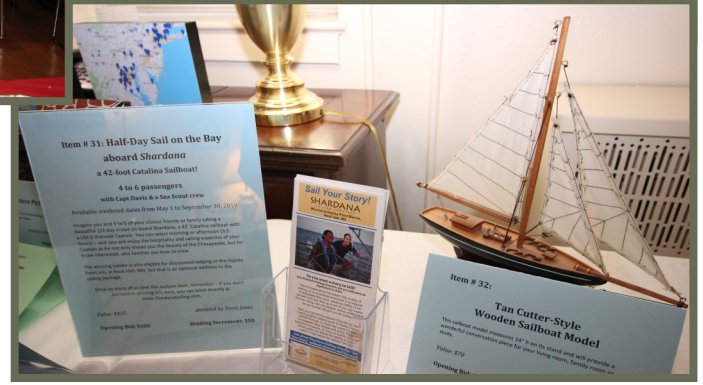
2018 / 2017 / 2016 / 2015 / 2012 "Flagship Fleet"

[NOTE: See more of Cole in the Change of Watch photo gallery on pages 6-7.]

The Sea Scout's Gourmet Dinner was a Success!



76 items were in the auction (right) and the whole Ship's company gathered outside the church (upper right).



Presentation May 18—At the Spring Picnic at the Fairfax Yacht Club, Virginia

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

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!



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

Birthday Wishes!

May

Steven D. Hall	15
Alan R. Hart	16
Cameron Headtke	16
Ronald F. Bosco	20
Joan R. Burg	22
Jianfeng Ye	30
Jean P. Durgin	31
Ann H. Hall	31



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NEW MEETING PLACE AND DATES
2nd Monday, 7:30pm, Alexandria Police HQ

America's Boating Club of Northern Virginia



