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Wanted: Editor for the newsletter! Contact a Bridge member if interested.



**Wanted: West Marine Seminar Presenters
Contact Education Officer**

JUNE MEETING IS ON A TUESDAY!

Yes, the **June 11** membership meeting will be on a **Tuesday**, due to scheduling difficulties. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

The meeting will be at the usual place at 7:30pm, Alexandria Police HQ, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria VA.

Come participate!



CDR Charles Hurley (r) and P/Lt/C Dave Hinkins (Northern Neck) accept Distinguished Communicator Awards at the D-5 Spring Conference. (See p. 3 for details)

Enjoy Safe Boating This Summer!

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, 7:00 pm Geo. Mason Lib.

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- 8 Gen Membership Mtg, 7:30 pm AP HQ
- 24 ExCom Meeting, 7:00 pm Geo. Mason Lib.

September

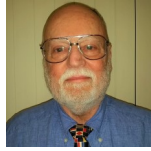
- 9 Gen Membership Mtg, 7:30 pm AP HQ
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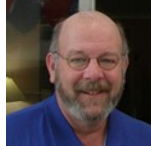
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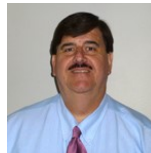
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NEW Meeting Locations:

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

Executive Committee Mtgs: June 26—George Mason Regional Fairfax County Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003, 703-256-3800. Small Conference Room. Meeting at 7:00 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 October meeting is combined with another event on a different day.**

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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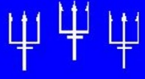
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Message from the Commander



Ahoy Fellow Boaters,

The District 5 Spring Conference was held at The Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City, MD recently. I attended along with Gale & Evelyn Alls, Alan Hart, John & Sue Karjala, and Cathy Sheffield. There were the usual hospitality suites with targeted educational themes and good food. The highlights among the working sessions were the significantly increased enforcement of the Boating while Under the Influence (BUI) by state and local law enforcement, and recent trends in Personal Floatation Devices.

NVSPS received two Distinctive Communicator awards that I was proud to accept. One was for our newsletter and the other was for the website. These awards join dozens of previous ones for these two important squadron activities.

Finally, the new D5 Bridge was elected:

- Commander: Walker Neese, Dundalk
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Have a safe and fun summer of boating!

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Photo: Claire Wyngaard

Bon Voyage, Claire and Dave!

Claire Wyngaard of Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron and David Turley of Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron will sail from Delaware City, DE to Cape Cod, MA area and back. Follow them on their blog:

www.SailingJustice.blogspot.com



Photo: Leslie Brower



Speaker for September 9 Meeting

Chartering on Ontario's Rideau Canal

BoatU.S. Magazine's managing editor Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore takes you on a journey through some of the historic locks and charming towns that make up this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll hear stories and see photos from her Le Boat charter trip taken last fall with three complete strangers. And she'll introduce you to the interesting people and places she encountered en route from Seeley's Bay to Smiths Falls.

The photo shows the "flight" of 8 locks in Ottawa that is part of the Rideau Canal.

Photo: Parks Canada Agency

Sailors* *Corner

Women' Sailing Conference June 1 in Marblehead, MA—<https://www.womensailing.org/>

Tall ship Kalmar Nyckel at Cambridge, MD June 14-16 — <http://kalmarnyckel.org/>

New Event Codes on Weather Radio

The FCC has added three new Event Codes to the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

- Extreme Wind Warning: EWW
- Storm Surge Watch: SSA
- Storm Surge Warning: SSW

Read about them here:

https://www.weather.gov/media/safety/Tropical_EASWRN_092816.pdf

USPS YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

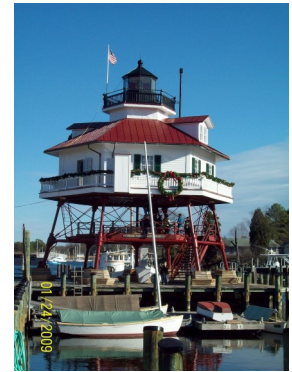
The national USPS Youth Poster Contest will be held at the Fall Governing Board meeting, so get your children, grandchildren, and nieces and nephews involved this summer. Check this out at <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/14500/14500-youth-activities>

For further information, please contact R/C Robert Howd at rhowd1@ec.rr.com

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>**

Member Ben Fulton's Journey

Ben spends much of his time in the Bahamas. Here are some photos he took during a 130 nm transit between Eleuthera and Exuma, as well as Ben's narrative. Go on the nvsp.org website to see the great colors of the Bahamas displayed in the online version of this newsletter.



This is the mooring next to his sailboat *LOON*. A shark is in the center. To the right is the 3,000 lb. concrete block used to hold the mooring.



Departing the anchorage before sunrise. Will be a motor sail day, but that is ok.



Exiting Little Harbor Cut, crossing NE Providence Channel. Course 175+/- for 45nm to Little Egg Is., Eleuthera. 4 boats ahead of me in the photo, 3 behind me. Everyone receives the same weather forecast.



1025 - Chart plotter shows 29.4 nm to way point for Little Egg Is., arrival 1518.



Motoring along. new AIS unit mounted upper right.



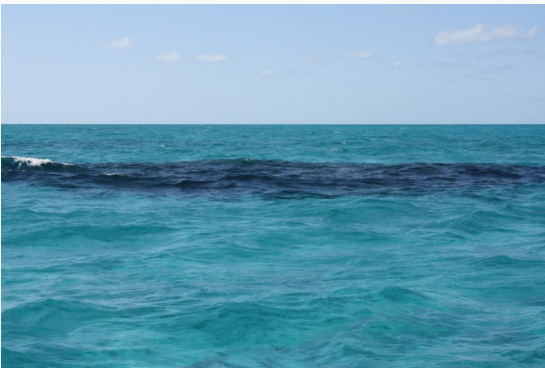
57nm later, anchored Royal Is. Lots of "unique" boats on the waters.



High speed ferry - Nassau to Spanish Wells. Round trip daily, \$65 one-way, 2015, don't know current fare.



On Exuma bank. water 10' - 18'. camera just cannot capture the pretty waters of the Bahamas.



From my log/notes. Fleming Channel to Ship Channel Cay, Exuma - 172T. There are coral heads for about 4nm. This begins

about 8.5nm N. of Ship Channel way point. Coral is marked on my chart plotter and if not cloudy or very windy; they are easy to spot.

Regardless, of the great sailing above, remember to never completely relax.

Prior to entering the coral, I furl my jib and motor sail. Must be able to change course quickly. During this 4nm stretch;



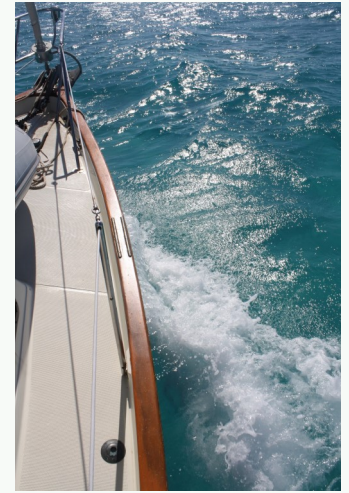
During this 4nm stretch; one must PAY ATTENTION.



Great, fun sail.



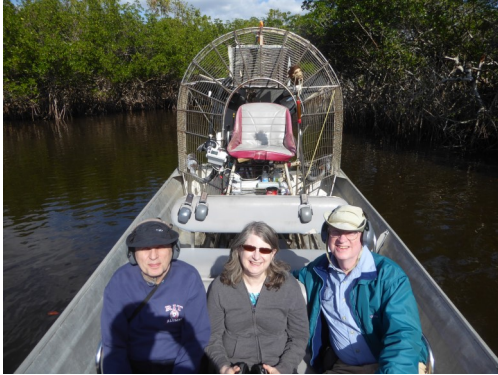
Departed RI for Highborne Cay. Forecast sunny day w/wind 12-14,g18 on the beam- yea!



Sunny, 82, pretty water, nice wind - pinch me. Very nice when salt water isn't splashing on deck AND everything else.

Member Walt Lazear's Florida Water Activities

As some of you know, I winter on Sanibel Island off the Gulf Coast of Florida. I've done several boating activities during my winter stay. One activity was to take an airboat ride in the Everglades with friends. We had a private tour at high speed through very narrow mangrove



forest channels. We spotted several large alligators along the way.

Then I got to see Sanibel Island from the water side, courtesy of a friend's brother who owns an out-board runabout and gave us a ride. The view was



nicer than just the land-side perspective I usually have. The old Sanibel lighthouse has stood since 1884, with a skeleton designed to withstand hurricanes.



Another week I went canoeing with a friend. We saw lots of shorebirds, including roseate spoonbills. And we got a personal inspection by a manatee, who surfaced about four feet from our canoe in five feet of water. Surprise!



Finally, I went kayaking with my son Peter in the mangrove swamp in the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Schools of large fish were zooming under us as we paddled along. We went up a creek and had to battle a tidal current on the way back down. And we watched herons fishing in shallow water.

So, aside from almost daily tennis with a club team I joined, I have managed to enjoy some boating fun, too.

NEW USPS VIDEOS

The United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) added two safe-boating videos to America's Boating Channel™ which can be found online at americasboatingchannel.com and as a free mobile app available at Apple's App Store and Google Play.

The "SITUATIONAL AWARENESS" video shows how onboard technology and environmental factors can distract you and change your awareness on the water. Viewers will learn what boat operators and passengers can do to become more aware of what's going on around them.

The "WEAR A LIFE JACKET!" video shows why recreational boaters should always wear life jackets while underway. Viewers will also learn about special considerations for children and young adults.

Tall Ship *Providence* coming to Alexandria VA this summer



Photo: Tall Ship Providence
Foundation

Providence is a full-scale replica of one of the U.S. Continental Navy's first warships, built in 1768, which was captained by John Paul Jones, the father of the U.S. Navy, under the leadership of General George Washington. This revolutionary war vessel provides visitors with a first-hand living history experience with tours, weekly sails, chartered cruises, educational programs, and beer cruises presented in partnership with Alexandria's Port City Brewing Company. Additionally, the replica ship has a pop culture tie, having appeared in the international blockbuster movie *Pirates of the Caribbean*. See details in The Zebra (an Alexandria, VA tabloid)...search Google for "providence alexandria zebra" to read the entire article.

Birthday Wishes!



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NVSPS Ship's Store is open for business!

You can purchase shirts, jackets, tote bags, and hats embroidered with our 50th anniversary gold-bordered burgee at nvspss.qbstores.com. Stock up today!





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America's Boating Club of Northern Virginia



