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Visit our nearest lighthouse: Jones Point Lighthouse. The Lyceum, Alexandria's history museum displays a Fifth-order Fresnel lens once used there.



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September 2019

November

- 9 General Membership Meeting.
Presentation: Ontario's Rideau Canal
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- October**
- 19 Oktoberfest and Membership Meeting at Fairfax Yacht Club, Virginia
- 23 Executive Committee Mtg

- 11 General Membership Meeting
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting
- January 2020**
- 4 Holiday Party, Springfield Golf & Country Club—6 pm to 10 pm
- 6 General Membership Meeting

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NEW Meeting Locations: updated Mar 11

Gen. Membership Mtgs: Sept 9 and Nov 11:
Alexandria Police HQ Community Rm, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 7:30 pm

Executive Committee Mtgs: Sept 25: Richard Byrd Library. 7250 Commerce St, Springfield, VA 22150.
Meeting at 7 pm. **More info at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/>**

*Check next newsletter for any meeting location changes or call a bridge officer. Wed evening Gen Memb mtgs are on the **2nd Mon of each month except no mtgs in Aug. and Dec. The May and Oct mtgs are combined with other events on different days.***

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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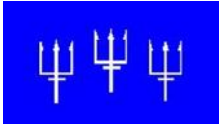
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Message from the Commander



Greetings from the Island of Culebra, off Puerto Rico!

Mercedes and I visit Puerto Rico at least once a year as almost all of her extended family lives in Puerto Rico, mainly in the San Juan metro area. A camping trip was organized by one of her many cousins who has been tent camping at Flamenco Beach for many years. This trip is our third camping trip to Flamenco Beach. The only boat (ship) experience was the ferry

going and coming to Culebra from the main island of Puerto Rico. The ferry now leaves from the former U.S. Navy base of Roosevelt Roads. The closest town to the ferry is Ceiba (approximately 8 miles away), which is approximately 40 miles east of San Juan and is directly on the water. The ferry passage is approximately 23 miles (2 hours) each way was a little "lumpy", but not bad considering it is almost entirely in unprotected waters of



There is no disputing where Charles is, next to one of the two M4 Sherman tanks left behind by the US Navy after 1975 departure from Flamenco Beach.

the Atlantic Ocean. The ferry is fairly small as ferries go -- it holds only approximately 12 to 15 cars (less if there are trucks) and approximately one hundred passengers. Many people go for just the day. The ferry docks at Dewey, the only town on Culebra. There is a fairly inexpensive taxi service to Flamenco Beach from Dewey and back during the day light hours. I hope you all can visit this beautiful place as well someday.

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Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron



Oktoberfest on the Water

Saturday October 19

12:00 to 16:00 hrs.

Fairfax Yacht Club

Join us for food and drinks

Combined with the October meeting

Vessel Safety Checks will be available



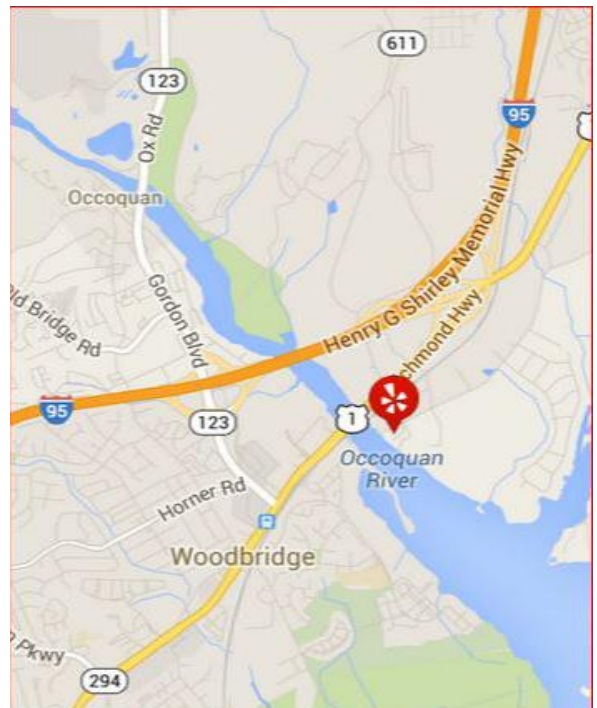
Bring a friend and your favorite, appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert to share. Set-up volunteers contact Secretary Evelyn Alls, secretary@nvsp.org, 703-569-1511.

Fairfax Yacht Club, 10721 Colchester Road. Mason Neck, VA 22079, 703-339-8736,
\$5 requested per person. 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.



Photos courtesy Fairfax Yacht Club



September 9 Meeting Presentation

Chartering on Ontario's Rideau Canal



Locking through Jones Falls on Ontario's Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, aboard a Le Boat charter. Photo Credit: Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore

by Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore

September 9, 2019 7:30 pm

America's Boating Club Northern Virginia Meeting
at Alexandria Police Dept, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304

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. Le Boat giveaway items available.

2020 National Capital Boat Show and Seminars

www.NationalCapitalBoatShow.com March 13-15, 2020

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Save the Date!

Join us in Louisville, KY, Sept. 8-15 for our Governing Board

Save this date too!

NVSPS Holiday Party January 4, 2020

Springfield Golf and Country Club — 6 PM to 10 PM

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From page 1: Source: Wikipedia.

The **Jones Point Light** is a small river [lighthouse](#) located on the [Potomac River](#) in [Alexandria, Virginia](#). It was built in 1855. It is a small, one-story house with a lantern on top and served primarily as a warning light for naval ships approaching the [Washington Navy Yard](#). The lighthouse was discontinued in 1926, replaced by a small steel [skeletal tower](#) located nearby; this smaller tower was in use for ten years before being discontinued. After being dark for more than half a century, Jones Point Light was relit by a private concern in 1995, however, it was eventually put out again after ownership switched from the [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) Foundation to the [National Park Service](#).

The lighthouse is located on [Jones Point](#) in Alexandria, and is part of [Jones Point Park](#). Visitors can approach the lighthouse, but it is currently impossible to enter the building. In 1980, the lighthouse and the cornerstone were listed in the [National Register of Historic Places](#) as reference #80000352. The lighthouse is also listed in the [Library of Congress Historic American Buildings Survey](#) as survey number VA-641. For more on lighthouses see: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lookouts/index.htm>

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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.
- VEs award the VSC decal to boat owners whose vessels meet the minimum safety requirements.
- If you would like to become a VE, you will need to study the VSC manual and take a quick certification exam, both which can be completed online, 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



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Thanks to David Turley and Claire Wyngaard for speaking on July 8. Their article about marina safety is in the June/ July 2019 BoatU.S. Magazine page 84- 89. or click here:

<https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2019/june/marina-upgrades-improve-safety>

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Squadron Property Holders

This is an appeal to all NVSPS members, Sea Scouts and associates, both past and present, to help us bring our inventory of squadron property up to date. We are attempting to locate and account for squadron owned assets such as, but not limited to, computers, laptops, projectors, screens, sextants, trophies, flags and pennants.

If you are in possession of any squadron property and are currently using it for squadron business, please let us know by contacting the property officer P/C Gale Alls. If you have squadron assets that are not currently being used for squadron business, please contact P/C Alls or a bridge officer and we can make arrangements to have it picked up at your convenience.

An accurate accounting of squadron assets is essential for the squadron records.

Thanks for your help and timely response.

P/C Gale Alls, SN, Property Officer

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Special Sextant Search: At the July 24 ExCom meeting Sean gave me six sextants that Jay had brought to the July 10th general membership meeting to be returned to the squadron locker. The sextants were labeled and match against squadron records.

The locker has a Celestaire Astra IIIB serial #610109 in a black plastic case and a wooden sextant box labeled serial #71039 (Kelvin Hughes). When I opened the box, it contained an old black plastic sextant. If anyone has or knows the whereabouts of the Kelvin Hughes metal marine sextant, serial number 71039, please let me know.

Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirement

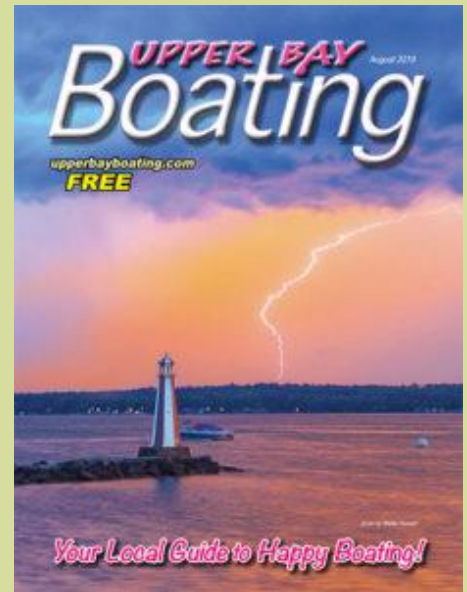
All PWC operators age 14 and older and all operators (regardless of age) of motorboats with a 10 hp or greater engine need to take a boating safety course.

For courses contact Education@NVSPS.org

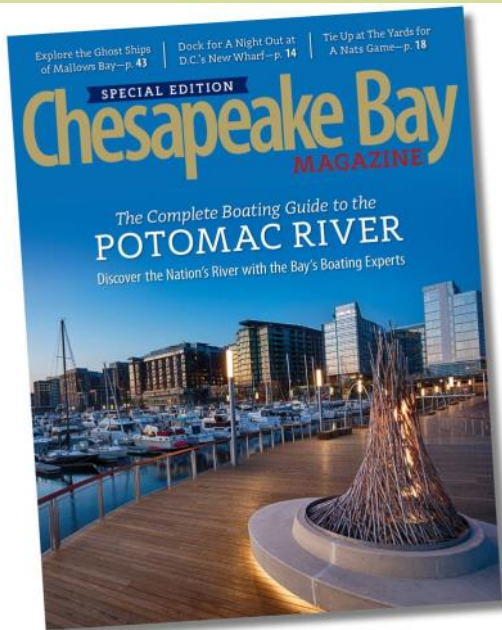
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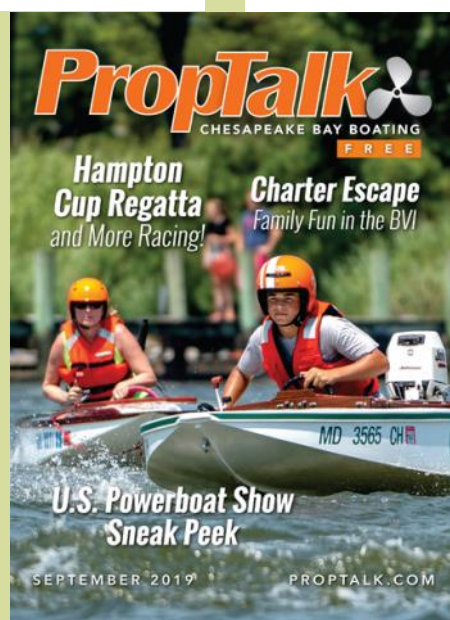
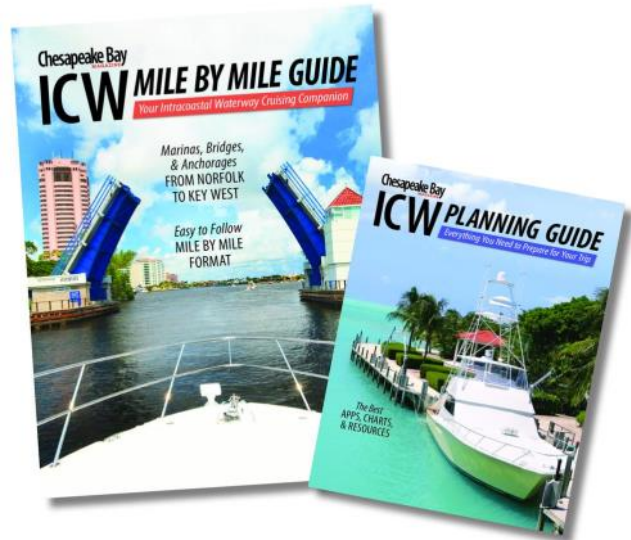




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