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November 2019

25 Executive Committee Meeting (new date)

January 2020

- 4 Holiday Party, Springfield Golf & Country Club
- 13 General Membership Meeting (Second Mon)
- 22 Executive Committee Meeting



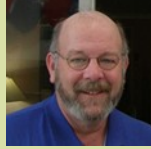
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Meeting Location

General Membership Mtgs at Alexandria Police HQ
Community Rm, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 7:30
pm, until further notice, 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., normally Spring Picnic and Fall Picnic on Saturdays.

Executive Committee Mtgs, 7 pm: by Conference call until further notice. Contact Executive Officer for conference call number and codes. Normally 4th Wed. of each month. Nov 25 mtg is an exception. Ask Exec Officer for conference call info.

Do you enjoy designing?
Newsletter Editor and Designer Needed.
Coaching included.
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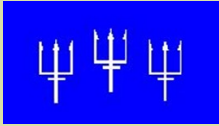
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Message from the Commander



November 21, 2019

Dear Fellow Squadron members,

Please review my squadron message last month (<http://www.nvsps.org/ottarch/201911.pdf>) about our upcoming elections. We need candidates to remain an active squadron. All volunteers will be appreciated and receive assistance to help them through. This was my first time holding a position. I went straight to Commander and so can you!



Contact Education Officer Lt/C Dean Markussen with your education class needs (page 7). Contact P/C Alls and P/C Durgin with your field trip ideas (page 4).

'Tis the start of the season of good fellowship, family gatherings, and shared meals, I wish to extend my wishes for each of the squadron members and their families for a happy and festive holiday season.

December may be described as our “month off”, but only from Squadron meetings! Some of our members have told me about traveling plans to visit parents, children and friends. I hope they complete their trips safely and feeling closer to family. If we can't spend Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve together, let's all catch up on January 4 at the holiday party! (Info on page 9)



Alexandria Virginia, Holiday Tree

**Happy holidays,
Cdr Charles Hurley, JN
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Next Newsletter Deadline:
January 15.

Email Editor@nvsps.org

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Study Manual is Available Online



The VSC program is a very important ongoing public service effort sponsored by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, America's Boating Club and BoatUS.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=welcome>

Come join the program! Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN

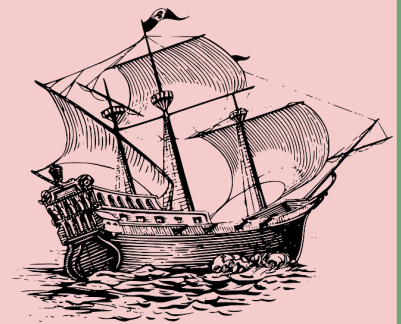
at 703-777-8378 or at skipperunis@gmail.com

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!

What do you want to learn about?



Cheer on the Sea Scouts Ship 1492
at the Solomons Lighted Boat Parade

Sat. December 7th 6:30 pm

Website:

<http://solomonsmaryland.com/events/signature-events/solomons-christmas-walk/>



For Information about Sea Scouting

Contact Sea Scout Ship 1942

<https://www.seascout1942.com/>

Holiday greetings 2019

Thank you to all the members of the squadron
For your help & support of me
as Squadron commander
since the Change of Watch in March 2018.

Charles Hurley

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!
Cathy Sheffield & Sammy the Bird

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year
& Season's Greetings with love
To everyone from
Alan & Mary Hart & Denise Robinson



Have happy holidays,
Smooth cruising &
A healthy 2020!
Walt Lazar



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to our Squadron shipmates!
Hope to see you all often in the coming year.
Sean, Susan & Maggie Gallagher

We wish everyone happy holidays
& to NVSPS a successful 2020!
Dick & Jean Durgin

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!
Jerz & Nancy Dando

May pretty snowflakes
fall softly on your boat,
seeding dreams of summer sailing.
Claire Wyngaard

TIME TO GET OUT!

2020 National Capital Boat Show and Seminars

www.NationalCapitalBoatShow.com ***March 13-15***

Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA – See Speaker Schedule Online

Friday 11 am to 7 pm

Saturday 10 am to 8 pm

Sunday 10 am to 4 pm

NVSPS has several speakers!

2020 Mid-Atlantic District 5 Spring Conference

March 26-29 Ocean City, MD www.USPSD5.org

Prince Royale Hotel

Reservations deadline March 15

2020 Mid-Atlantic District 5 Summer Cruise

July 20-23 Smith Mountain Lake, VA www.USPSD5.org

Summer Council & Rendezvous

July 23-26 Smith Mountain Lake, VA

Reservations deadline December 1



Boating Education Classes

Please share with your boating buddies who would benefit from basic and advanced boating courses we have lined up for the colder months. They are designed to provide a foundation of knowledge and skills in maneuvering, boat operation and techniques to advance safety and enjoyment on the water:



Seamanship. Boat handling, docking, line handling, anchoring and communicating with other boats.

DEC 14, 21, JAN 4, 11, 25. 9 am to 1 pm. \$50, Sea Scouts \$40. At St George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St, Arlington VA. No prerequisites.

<https://americasboatingclub.org/courses/seamanship>

Piloting. Inland water and coastal navigation using GPS, aids to navigation, and plotting on charts.

DATES TBD in Spring 2020 after completion of Seamanship.

SAT 9 am to 1 pm. At St George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St, Arlington VA. No prerequisites.

<https://americasboatingclub.org/courses/piloting>

For more information and to register, contact

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with your
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What kind of *BOOKS* do you like?



Lt. Claire Wyngaard is offering free nautical and cookbooks to those that tell her what they like. If she has something that fits the description, you will be contacted with which squadron meeting you may pick it up.

She has inherited many books and would like to share them.

Contact Claire at Editor@nvsp.org or 703-304-9152.



Find your
holiday
recipes at
[AllRecipes.com!](http://AllRecipes.com)

Gingerbread Coffee

1/2 cup molasses

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/2 tsp baking soda

1 tsp ground ginger

3/4 tsp ground cinnamon

Mix, cover and chill for 10 minutes

6 cups brewed coffee

1 cup half and half cream

1 tsp ground cloves

1 1/2 cup sweetened whipped cream

Then, add 1/4 cup coffee to each cup, stir in spice mix until dissolved. Fill cup to within inch of top with coffee. Stir in half and half to taste, garnish with whipped cream and cloves dusting!

Recipe by Jennifer, AllRecipes.com



**Northern Virginia
Sail & Power Squadron**



invites you to sail into the new year
at our

FESTIVE HOLIDAY PARTY!



On Saturday, January 4, 2020

6:00 to 10:00 pm

Springfield Golf & Country Club



Bring your friends and family
for an evening of DJ music, dancing & fun,
cash bar & a delicious buffet dinner
Everyone is welcome!

---- Response Card ----

Members attending: _____

Guests attending: _____

Cost: \$25.00 per person

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 December 20, 2019. For information,
contact Gale at 703-569-1511 or galeandev@aol.com

Springfield Golf & Country Club
8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, Virginia
Driving directions at www.sgccva.org





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Alexandria, Virginia Parade of Lights Dec 7
 Solomons, Maryland Parade of Lights Dec 7
 Holiday Party January 4, 2020

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