



*We Welcome the Tall Ship Providence to Alexandria! More on p. 2,4-5  
2020 Opening date will be announced at [www.TallShipProvidence.org](http://www.TallShipProvidence.org)*

**New Meeting Night—Second Tuesday of the months we meet,  
at the Alexandria Police Department. 7:30 pm Bring a friend!**

### **February**

- 11 General Membership Meeting
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting

### **March**

- 10 General Membership Meeting and Elections
- TBA Change of Watch Ceremony
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting

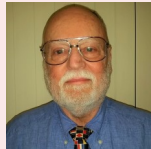




## Bridge Officers

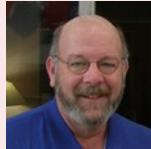
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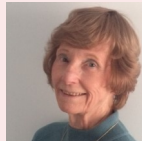
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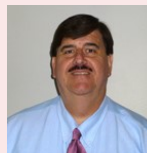
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## New Meeting Information

**General Membership Mtgs** at Alexandria Police HQ  
Community Rm, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 7:30  
pm, until further notice, are:

- on the **2nd Tues 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. Ask Exec Officer for conference call info.

Next Newsletter Deadline:  
February 15.

Email Editor@nvsp.org

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### MEMBERS AT LARGE

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5th Member at Large	open position. Contact Alan Hart
Vessel Safety Checks Chair: P/C Rich Unis, JN, SkipperUnis@gmail.com, 703-777-8378, Ask how to become certified as a VSC Examiner	

## Of Tars & Terns

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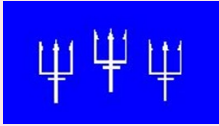
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## Message from the Commander



Dear Fellow Squadron members,

My tenure as Squadron Commander is coming to a close. The position of Commander has a term limit of 2 years by the Squadron bylaws. Can you believe it has been that long already? My rise to Squadron Commander was termed "Meteoric" by remarks from the District 5 Commander at our recent Holiday Party this month. I became Squadron Commander without a minute's worth of prior bridge experience.

In the normal course of events, Squadron Commanders serve as a sort of apprenticeship on the bridge before selection for Commander. While this apprenticeship is likely optimal, my elevation to Commander indicates the apprenticeship is not absolutely required. You just need to want to make a difference. All of my efforts were amplified by the Bridge, Members at Large, Committees and other squadron members. Who ever succeeds me, I am certain will enjoy the same level of assistance as I did.

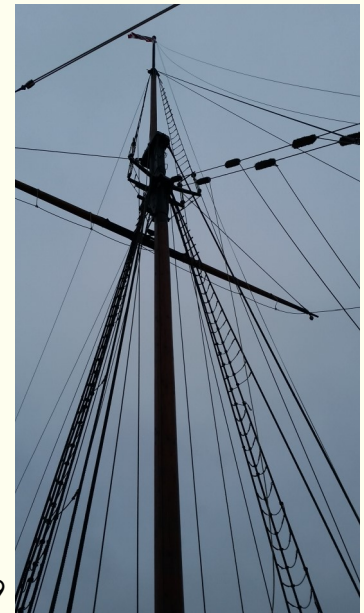
Though I "appeared out of nowhere" and was welcomed, I must have offered some guidance as we:

- found a new place to meet when which was challenging even with a year notice.
- keep regular membership meetings
- publish a regular newsletter on the planned schedule
- offered the occasional group field trip
- hosted many interesting meeting speakers
- received an award for growing the most members in 2019 by gaining 19 new members
- remain one of the largest squadrons in the Mid-Atlantic Region

Please participate to keep up our good work with your talents.

See you at the February meeting and March Elections!

Happy New Year,  
Cdr Charles Hurley, JN  
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With some spars removed for inspection, a look aloft the Tall Ship Providence

**Nominations List**

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The VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has posted a list of bills being considered by the Virginia legislature pertaining to fishing and hunting in the state at <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/legislation/>.



Holiday Party Winter 2019-2020. Thanks to the Springfield Golf & Country Club, VA and the DJ  
clockwise from top left photos: by C Wyngaard, by G Alls, by A Hart, by G Alls

Claire Wyngaard  
took photos in  
Alexandria, VA  
on Dec 29.  
See ASF  
Fundraisers on  
their website.



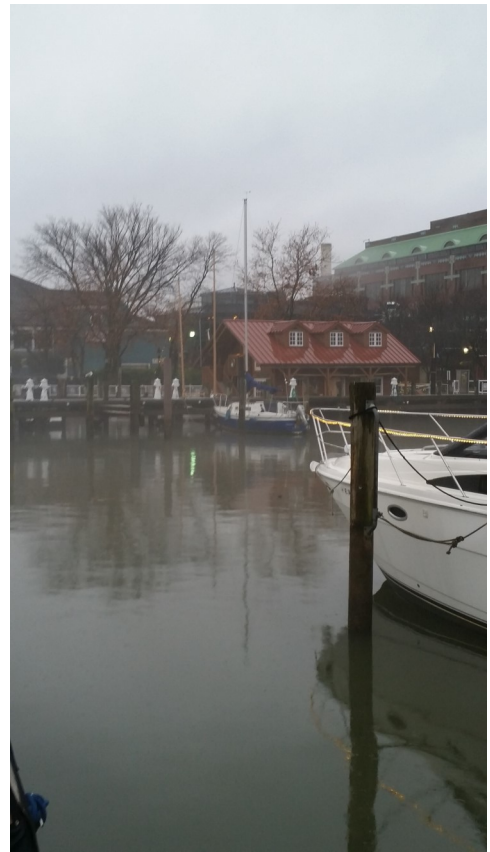
→ The ASF looked festive and welcoming



The marina Gazebo looks like a good place for a meeting!



Cherry Blossom, our working sternwheeler



Alexandria Seaport Foundation with the red roof  
<https://alexandriaseaport.org/>



Even the pirates need to get ashore

**Cherry Blossom website:**

<https://www.potomacriverboatco.com/our-fleet/cherry-blossom/>

**City Marina Info:**

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Marina>

And

TS Providence on cover with website



## ***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! NVSPS does not have a booth this year, but all are welcome to stop by the USCG Auxiliary Occoquan-Fairfax Flotilla table*

## ***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

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**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**

## Boating Education Classes



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

DATES TBD in Spring 2020

Possible day and times: SAT 9 am to 1 pm.

At St George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St, Arlington VA.

No prerequisites. More course info at:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/courses/piloting> For more information and to register, contact Education Officer Dean Markussen, [703-751-9178, MMarkussen2@comcast.net](mailto:MMarkussen2@comcast.net)



Josh Davidson

## Sail to Annapolis and learn!

*Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show - April 24-26*

*With free seminars and*

*Cruisers University - April 23-26*

*with more than 50 classes*

Register at: <https://>

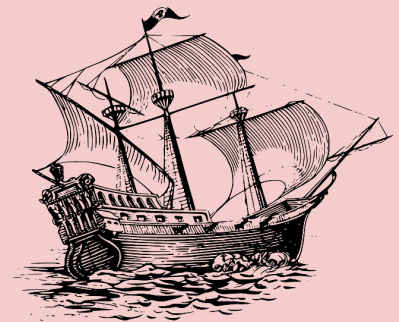
[www.annapolisboatshows.com/](http://www.annapolisboatshows.com/)

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?



America's Boating Channel First-Ever Gala Celebration will be held Feb 13 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. If you missed the RSVP Dec 31 Deadline, keep this timeline in mind for next year.



## Officers Nominations for 2020-2021

The following members of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron are nominated for the offices indicated for the 2020-2021 bridge year. Elections will be held at the squadron's annual meeting on March 10. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time. Those elected will be installed at our Annual Change of Watch ceremony in March Date TBA.

### Bridge Officers

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

### Members at Large of the Executive Committee

P/C Alan Hart, AP  
 Lt Walter Lazear, AP  
 Denise L. Robinson  
 P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP  
 P/C Richard E. Unis, JN

### 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

### 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

Respectfully submitted, P/C Alan Hart, AP  
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### *Birthdays Galore!*

#### January

Gale Alls	1
Bianca Talero	5
Claire Wyngaard	13
Sue Karjala	17
Tom Martin	22

#### February

Richard Cohen	8
Keith Clark	9
Kathleen Arnos	20
James Yen	21
John Karjala	22
Richard Durgin	23
Robert Alonso	25
Keith Segersen	27
Ruby Morley	28

### March

John Genco	5
Talero Morales	7
Michael Card	7
Kimber Boyer	8
Mary Cleveland	8
David O'Malie	9
Yeuan-Ming Sheu	10
Charles Cleveland	10
Gary Church	10
Margaret Gallagher	13
Lawrence Bahl	15
Ethan Wilner	15
Tom Ballew	19
Ethan Colt	19
Mona Moody	24
Robert Hughlett	25



**Twisted  
Valentine Bread**  
Recipe at  
Group Recipes

[http://  
www.groupprecipes.com/879  
37/twisted-valentine-  
bread.html](http://www.groupprecipes.com/87937/twisted-valentine-bread.html)



## P/C Ronald J. Sowers, J

Past Commander Ron Sowers, JN, passed away on December 7, 2019, just days following his 80th birthday. Ron served as Commander of Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron on two occasions: 1976-1977 and again in 1992-1993. He subsequently moved to the Northern Neck of Virginia and transferred his membership to the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron where he later served as Squadron Commander.



Ron loved participating in Squadron on-the-water activities. He served as navigator on board both his own boats and aboard boats belonging to other Squadron members. He was very successful in placing high in contest results. Ron also taught boating safety courses.

After retiring from supervisory positions in the local construction industry, Ron and his wife Bette moved to Anderson, SC. He loved restoring old farm tractors and participating in tractor pulls. Prior to his boating interest he was an avid sports car fan.

Our January 13 membership meeting was fortunate to be attended by Ron's son Patrick Sowers, who shared how boating is part of every happy memory he has with his father.

*Contributed by P/C Gale Alls, SN*

To read more about Ron Sower's life, please visit

<http://robinsonfuneralhomes.tributes.com/obituary/show/Ronald-Sowers-107880056>





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