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Spring Picnic on Saturday, May 22

We're having our Spring Picnic at the Fairfax Yacht Club in-person! It's at noon on Saturday, May 22. We'll be observing Covid precautions. Bring your own food. Please bring and wear a mask and observe social distancing to keep everyone safe. Examiners will be giving vessel safety checks in the marina all day. As details firm up, they will be put on the website at nvsp.org/act.shtml and emailed to members.



Photo courtesy of Fairfax Yacht Club



P/C Jere Dando, AP Crossed the Bar
on April 6. See the article about Jere on page 4.



Save these Saturdays!

Spring Picnic — May 22, Fairfax Yacht Club
Oktoberfest — October 16, Fairfax Yacht Club



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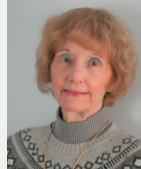
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Meetings

If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a bridge officer to confirm in-person meeting will be held before heading out. Meetings will be held via Zoom unless otherwise noted in announcements.

General Membership Mtgs were normally at Alexandria Police HQ Community Rm, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304, 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 or new location. Contact Executive Officer for conference call number and codes or location. Normally 4th Wed. of each month. There are speaking procedures for these meetings to be sure business has time to be discussed. Just ask about them.

Zoom Meetings: Login and call-in info for meetings via Zoom or other meeting software will be distributed by email and available from Bridge Officers.

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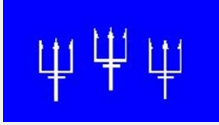
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Message from the Commander



Mid April 2021

Hello Boaters,

It is Nauti to not stay at least a fathom apart. I have found that it is important to find something to laugh at these days. Hopefully we are in the home stretch and we can get back to some normalcy soon.



With the warmer weather here it is time to wash off the winter grime and get your craft shipshape. Be sure to check everything stem to stern and perform your preventive maintenance items. Get out on the water and enjoy time with friends and family.

Hope to see you soon,

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Thank You From Your Former Editor, Lt. Claire Wyngaard, P

It's been a pleasure to be your newsletter editor since March 2017. I thank Jay Nelson for his guidance during my time as Assistant Editor July 2016 to February 2017. D/Lt Walt Lazear, AP (Distribution and Webmaster) has been helpful, including publishing some issues while I was on an extended sailing trip. Our new editor is Denise Robinson. Please continue sending your newsletter feedback and contributions to Editor@NVSPS.org, which will go to Denise now. I wish her well and encourage anyone with an interest in becoming Assistant Editor to give her a call. She will need an editor when she goes on her ocean journey! I will continue to be Public Relations Chair and Social Media team lead.

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IN MEMORIAM: P/C Jere D. Dando, AP



Past Commander Jere D. Dando, AP, passed away on April 6, 2021 at age 85. An avid sailor, Jere joined Northern Virginia Power Squadron in 1981 and achieved senior status in 1993. He became Commander in 1996. With typical Dando enthusiasm, Jere, with his wife Nancy, led the squadron through a busy year of boating education, picnics, rendezvous and cruises. At the D5 spring conference, Jere was featured snoozing in an inflatable raft in the “NO WAKE ZONE.” Years later Jere described the entire experience as, “Fast! Great! Challenging, Rewarding, Exhilarating, Satisfying. What a ride!”

Jere supported many commanders who succeeded him and in 1998 he and Nancy donated a trophy to be awarded annually to a Past Commander for continuing service to the squadron. He earned 15 well deserved merit marks.

Donations in Jere’s memory may be made to Sea Scout Ship 1942, c/o Treasurer, Shawn Mickey, 3805 Prosperity Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031. Please note on the check that it is in memory of Jere Dando.

Jean Durgin

Kayaking, Anyone?



Please contact Walt Lazear at **lakematesw@comcast.net** if you are interested in a kayak outing on a local body of water. We’re not talking about rapids, but an easy trip around a lake. You’ll need to bring your own kayak, paddle, life preserver, hat, and sunscreen. There may be a launching fee of \$5-\$10 at some lakes.



Message from the Education Officer

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Dates and Times TBA. Sign up now to get information when available.
Contact NVSPS Educational Officer Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP,
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Visit ABC Mid-Atlantic website for these conferences/events:
at <https://abc-midatlantic.org/>

- Delmarva Cruise Aug 20-23
- ABC Governing Board Meeting Aug 29-Sept 5, Raleigh, NC
- District 5 Fall Educational Conference, Nov 11-14, Lancaster, PA

Schedule a Vessel Safety Check for your boat by appointment in Northern Virginia

Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN at
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VSC Info: <http://nvsp.org/vsc.shtml>



May Birthdays!

Gail Stone	1
Mary Walker	7
Georgia DeBell	12
Patrick Sowers	13
Steven Hall	15
Alan Hart	16
Ronald Bosco	20
Joan Burg	22
Elizabeth Harvey	26
Jean Durgin	31
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