



## Online Basic Boating Safety ABC Class

**Deadline to Register is September 13— To sign up, see page 5**



## Infrastructure Bill Serves Boating Infrastructure

*Reported by Lt Claire Wyngaard, P*

Recreational boating will benefit from the Infrastructure bill. At publication time, the Senate passed it on to the House for approval. If approved by the U.S. President in its current form, the bill supports:

- 1) Reauthorization of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund;
- 2) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' projects and coastal storm risk management;
- 3) Five years funding for Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program;
- 4) Western water infrastructure promoting ecosystem restoration;
- 5) Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program which helps improve water quality and fish habitat through estuary restoration stormwater management;
- 6) WaterSMART grants with money for natural infrastructure solutions; and
- 7) Bridge repair and replacement.

Source: Soundings Trade Only Today

<https://www.tradeonlytoday.com/industry-news/infrastructure-deal-includes-provisions-important-to-boating>



Former Member Freddie Olverson Crossed the Bar on August 7. Article on page 4.

*Save The Date!*

*General Membership Meeting via Zoom — Tuesday, September 14, 2021*

*Oktoberfest — Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Fairfax Yacht Club*



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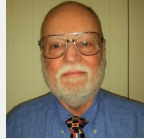
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**Meeting Info:** If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a bridge officer to confirm in-person meeting will be held before heading out.

**General Membership Mtgs** are 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 info for mtgs via Zoom or other mtg software will be distributed by email and available from Bridge Officers.

Please see previous issues online. If you do not have internet access, ask the editor to mail you a copy. For more information about anything in this newsletter, contact [editor@nvsp.org](mailto:editor@nvsp.org)

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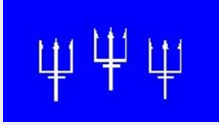
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## Message from the Commander



Mid August 2021

Ahoy!

It has been a great summer and I can't believe fall is just around the corner. I hope you had some time on the water to enjoy with family and friends. My family and I took a charter out of Little River, North Carolina this year. It was great to be on the ocean for some fishing.



We have a public boating class scheduled this fall, so please be sure to let anyone you know that it is available and point them in the right direction. Helping folks find safe boating education is a core mission.

The last two years have been a challenge for all of us and I hope you and your family have found a way to stay safe and healthy. I have been discouraged that we as a group have not been able to do more and be together more often. As we look forward to 2022, I personally pray that we will find an environment that allows for a return to in-person meetings and classes.

Here's to cool breeze and following seas,

Commander Sowers

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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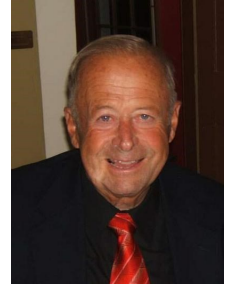
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***IN MEMORIAM: Frederick A. Olverson 1936 — 2021***

Frederick A. Olverson, known to his friends as Freddie, crossed the bar on August 7, 2021. He had been owner of Olverson's Marina and a member of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron, before transferring to Northern Neck. He is survived by his second wife Cas, three children, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He was interned at Northern Neck Memorial Gardens.



- P/C Alan Hart, AP

**The Ship Santa Maria Celebrates Its 529<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*By Lt Claire Wyngaard, P*

She looks great for 529! This replica, built in 2017 in Spain, tours cities educating all the way about how a ship like this was sailed across an uncharted ocean in search of the new world. Larger than the Nina and Pinta, this most famous ship in the world discovered Cuba on October 12, 1492. Tours available in Ocean City, Maryland through September 5, 2021.

Tickets: <https://www.naosantamaria.org/en/nao-santa-maria/86-nao-santa-mar%C3%ADa-en-ocean-city-md-120821-50921.html>



**Join The Sea Scouts**

Sea Scout units—called ships—are established all across the country on oceans, bays, rivers and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won't find anywhere else. Sea Scouts is a place to grow and learn, find adventure and build long lasting friendships. Programs are for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. Visit <https://www.seascoutship1942.org>





## Message from the Education Officer

Online “America’s Boating Course”

**September 14, 16, 18, 19, 2021**

Presented by Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron

Instructor Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP

America’s Boating Course, or ABC-3, is the 8-hour introduction to boating for starting or continuing one’s recreational boating education. The course has a proctored final exam and provides a state and nationally recognized safe boating certificate. While the subject matter is presented online, we will need to meet for the proctored exam. The Washington Sailing Marina near Reagan National Airport has plenty of outdoor seating for the exam and offers a great opportunity to look at different types of boats to apply newly acquired knowledge.

Topics include:

- ◆ Types of boats and their uses
- ◆ Boating laws, both federal and state
- ◆ Safety equipment, both required and recommended
- ◆ Buoys and Aids to Navigation
- ◆ Rules of the Road
- ◆ Proper Maritime Communications Procedures
- ◆ Trailing and Water Sports Topics

ONLINE via Zoom, \$50.00 includes workbook

Sept 14 Tue 1800-2000

Sept 16 Thu 1800-2000

Sept 18 Sat 1000-1200

Sept 19 Sun 1000-1200 In Person Review and Proctored Exam at Washington Sailing Marina (Alexandria, VA)

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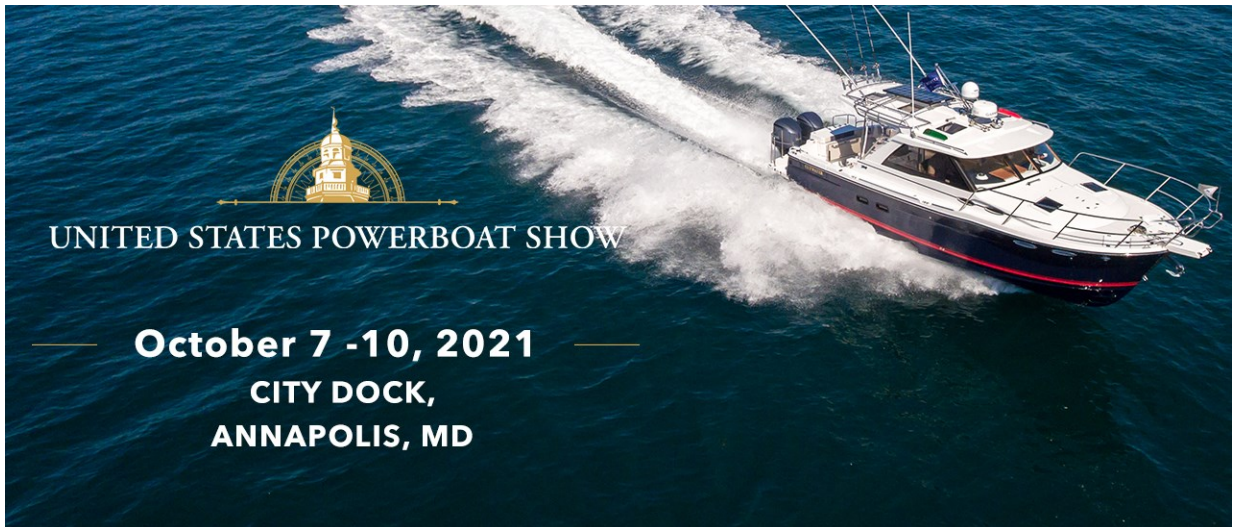
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**Hang Out With Us Among The Boats In Annapolis!**

*By Lt Claire Wyngaard, P*

Everyone likes to dream and if you don't have a boat right now, I say, "You are always between boats." Come to at least one of the Annapolis Boat Shows in October and hang out with us.

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

October 7-10 Powerboat Show

October 14-18 Sailboat Show

Call me and I'll share where Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron members expect to be and maybe we can meet up. Call or email Lt Claire Wyngaard, P, PR Chair, [CWyngaard@Verizon.net](mailto:CWyngaard@Verizon.net), 703-304-9152. For education, there is Cruisers University October 11-17 and there are free seminars at the Powerboat Show Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9.





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