



District 5 Fall Conference

The 2021 District 5 Fall Conference will be held November 11—14 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the Hilton Doubletree located at 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The phone number is 717-464-2711. For more information, please feel free to visit the District 5 website at <https://www.uspsd5.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf>



Rare Sighting By NVSPS Member

September 11, 2021, Dave and I saw tug with a "tandem-tow" headed down the Delaware River at Port Penn to the Delaware Bay.—Lt. Claire Wyngaard, P (*Photo courtesy of Claire Wyngaard*)



REMINDER:

General Membership Meeting via Zoom — Tuesday, November 9, 2021



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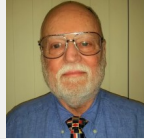
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Meeting Info: If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a bridge officer to confirm in-person meeting will be held before heading out.

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

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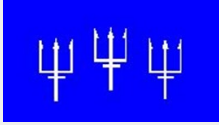
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Message from the Commander



Mid October 2021

Ahoy!

Can you believe that it is already fall of 2021?! Now is the time to get in your last ride on the water, and winterize and prepare what you have for the winter weather, and hopefully in the New Year, we will have a whole new spring, with a whole new outlook on life, and a little less social distancing.



Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Oktoberfest picnic due to scheduling conflicts with venues. In spite of our challenges, I know we all look very forward to seeing each other again sometime in the future.

Before you know it, we will be discussing holiday plans, even if just amongst our own families. I believe that in what we have had to work with over the last year-and-a-half, we have been able to have another successful year on the water, with boat safety inspections, and of course our get-together over the summer where we were able to personally say hello to one another.

Here's to cool breeze and following seas,

Commander Sowers

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October

William H. Wright, Jr—01

Sean Gallagher—20

Francis Williamson—24

November

Tabb Schaeffer—03

Tracy Davenport—08

Lorain P. Alonso—17

Dean Markussen—05

Guy W. Arnos—12

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Sea Scout Ship 1942 Long Cruise

- By Roy Vogel—Sea Scout Ship 1942

Over the course of 10 days in July, Sea Scouts hailing from Ship 1942 successfully executed their annual sailing “Long Cruise” on the Chesapeake Bay. The flotilla undertaking this voyage consisted of the four Sea Scout sailboats ‘*AL-DI-LA*,’ ‘*Respite*,’ ‘*Friendly*’ and ‘*Reverent*.’ Crews aboard our four sailboats were 15 Sea Scout teenagers and six adult leaders.

On our tack north, the Sea Scout flotilla visited a total of six different Chesapeake Bay marinas and anchorages. Starting from our homeport at the Solomons Navy Recreation Center – Point Patience Marina, our four sailboats navigated northward and across the Bay to our first port Safe Harbor Marina (Oxford) Maryland. During



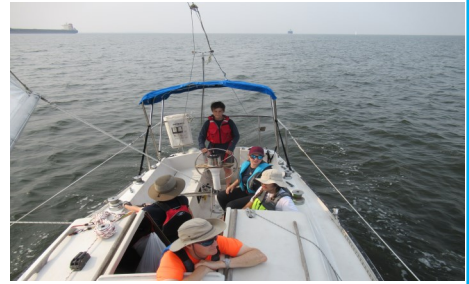
Scouts Sebastian and Roy with mate Mike

our 2-day stay, all of us Sea Scouts enjoyed exploring the rustic town of Oxford using the marina’s free bicycles.

Leaving Oxford, we headed out across the Bay to anchor in the West River. The owner of the B&B is Robin. (Her father, Mr. Heintz, printed the very first Guide for Cruising Maryland Waters beginning in the early 1960’s for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Now, Robin publishes it under the title of Maryland Cruising Guide.) We had met Robin at various boat shows and became fast friends and when we sail north she allows us to disembark at her ‘Bayfields Bed & Breakfast.’ While anchored in the West

River, Robin’s several kayaks and paddle boards she has available for her B&B guests were made available to any of our teen Sea Scouts to use. While in the West River, a few of our Sea Scouts acted upon the Scout slogan, “Do a good turn daily;” two of us in kayaks and one on a paddleboard, pulled a discarded tire out of the muddy riverbank and properly disposed of it.

After 2 days at our West River anchorage, we sailed further north venturing to the ‘Maryland Yacht Club’ which covers eight acres of beautiful waterfront at the end of Fairview Beach Road in Pasadena, Maryland. It is situated at the entrance to Rock Creek and commands a grand view of the Patapsco River where we ordered a pizza dinner and swam in the Club pool in the late afternoon. From the Yacht Club we crossed the Bay once again and after spending a night at ‘Osprey Point Marina,’ we Sea Scouts headed back south, passing under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.



Aboard Sea Scout boat *Friendly*: adults Molly Sternberg and Tom Laffey; Scouts Noah, Ethan and Dian



Sea Scout boat *Friendly*



Sea Scout boat *AL-DI-LA* with *Reverent* following

SEA SCOUT SHIP 1942 LONG CRUISE

(Continued)

The Bay Bridge Marina, set right next to its namesake’s bridge, gave the Scouts a chance to admire the massive spans that they had just passed underneath. Heading westward across the Bay, our next-to-last stop was Herrington Harbor (North) where we all were able to enjoy the beach and a movie night. It was at this marina that a commemorative group photo was taken of all the crews and leaders. After 10 days of sailing, the flotilla returned to our homeport at Solomons, MD ‘Point Patience Marina.’

Throughout the journey, the Scouts learned proper vessel protocol, line-handling, helmsmanship and chart navigation. An unexpected skill the Scouts also picked up was how to quickly dodge crab pots in our path where we depended on the quick response of our forward lookouts. The sailing adventure served as a worthy test for all of our Sea Scouts, new and old alike, who were able to hone their nautical skills and put their buoy-spotting eyes to work to confirm our dead-reckoning positions. Ship 1942’s annual summer “Long Cruise” is an exceptional experience for the Sea Scouts to demonstrate their leadership, hone our various Power Squadron-taught nautical course skills which we availed ourselves during the winter months, and of course, the close friendship and comradery we solidified throughout the voyage. *(Photos courtesy of Roy Vogel—Sea Scout Ship 1942)*



Aboard *Friendly* (left to right): Molly Sternberg, Noah, Dian, Ethan Tom Laffey and Quinn



Sea Scout Ship 1942 Long Cruise 2021 Commemorative Group Photo

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>



It's Merit Mark Time

USPS awards a merit mark annually to all members who have performed substantial service to the squadron during the calendar year. If you performed such service for NVSPS during 2021 please email a short but specific description to merit mark chair Jean Durgin (rjdurgin@aol.com) by October 30, 2021. **Be sure to include an estimate of the number of hours of service you performed.**

- By Jean Durgin



Visit The Boat Galley Online

NVSPS member Claire Wyngaard met up with Carolyn Shearlock at The Boat Galley booth at the Annapolis Sailboat Show in October. Carolyn is going to try to fit us in her schedule to speak to us this winter. She has created a great Resource Center online, offering cruising and living aboard courses. As co-author of *The Boat Galley Cookbook*, she has food storage and provisioning advice, checklists, recipes and products. Sign up for her free eNewsletter at <https://theboatgalley.com/>

- By Lt Claire Wyngaard, P



Claire Wyngaard's Cruise Takes Her Back to Shaw Bay on the Wye River



(Justice at anchor in upper Wye River, MD)

Claire Wyngaard and David Turley sailed from Delaware City, DE to St. Michaels, MD in October 2021 aboard Justice, their 44' Cutter Ketch, stopping in several places in between, follow on our blog at <https://sailingjustice.blogspot.com/>.

Sassafras River, MD

Swan Creek, Rock Hall, MD

Upper East River, Upper Wye and Shaw Bay, Wye River, MD

St Michaels, MD

Magothy River, MD

Shaw Bay was the first time Dave and Claire met on the water (after meeting on land) by happenstance a few years ago on the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron annual cruise with Claire as a guest on her brother's sailboat, anchored in Shaw Bay. Dave happened to be anchored there too and the squadron invited him over for dinner. Claire and Dave enjoyed that evening. So they went back there for the first time to celebrate chance making their lives better.



That week, Dave and Claire got engaged. There will likely be a boat in their wedding and honeymoon someday!

- By Lt Claire Wyngaard, P



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