



2021 Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights



The 2021 Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights sponsored by Amazon was held on December 4 at the Old Town Alexandria Waterfront. The parade was produced by Visit Alexandria in collaboration with the City of Alexandria, City Cruises anchored by Hornblower and the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Well Done and Thank You

A big thank you to the following members who earned a merit mark for keeping the good ship NVSPS moving forward in 2021 in spite of many challenges:

Evelyn Alls, Gale Alls, Douglas Craig, Jean Durgin, Richard Durgin, Alan Hart,

Charles Hurley, Walter Lazear, Dean Markussen, Denise Robinson

Cathleen Sheffield, Richard Unis, Claire Wyngaard, Frederick Zugay and

Cdr. Patrick Sowers.

- Jean Durgin, Merit Mark Chair



REMINDER:

General Membership Meeting via Zoom – Tuesday, January 11, 2022



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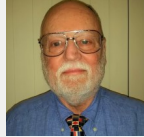
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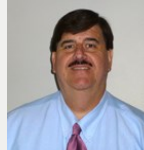
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Meeting Info: If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a bridge officer to confirm in-person meeting will be held before heading out.

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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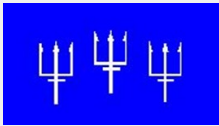
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Message from the Commander



Mid November 2021

Ahoy!

It has been a pleasure to serve you all over the last two years as Commander. It has also been an honor to fill the big shoes my father, Ron Sowers, had left behind as PC. I hope that under the circumstances, I made him proud. Although, I will likely go down in history as the “Covid Commander,” and trying my best to get us all over the hump of the past 2 years.



There is water at the end of our tunnel, and things can hopefully be getting back to full swing. I know that we have plans to get our education department up and running again, and making sure we have safe boaters out there is of utmost importance. There will also be vessel checks in the spring, so be on the lookout for that.

Here’s to a bright Spring 2022 season. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I wish you a happy holiday season.

Here’s to cool breeze and following seas,

Commander Sowers

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Walter Lazear	2	Charles Hurley	15
Cathleen Sheffield	27	Evelyn Alls	28
Susan Gallagher	31		



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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/>



Here's an introduction to Carolyn from her website:

Hi! I'm Carolyn Shearlock. My husband and I have been cruising over 14 years and 13,000 miles, first on a Tayana 37 monohull and now on a 34' Gemini catamaran. Along the way, we sold pretty much everything we owned (twice!), gained a great boat dog, had a bunch of wonderful times and some adventures . . . and learned a ton about what does and doesn't work!



- Lt Claire Wyngaard, P



NVSPS 2021 Year In Review



- ⇒ *P/C Rich Unis, JN, “Earning US Sailing Catamaran Endorsement Certification”
March Issue, Pages 6 and 7*
- ⇒ *Lt Claire Wyngaard transitioned out of the Editor position for “of Tars & Terns” newsletter
May Issue, Page 3*
- ⇒ *Lt Denise Robinson assumed the position of Editor for “of Tars & Terns” newsletter
June Issue, Page 3*
- ⇒ *Safety Education Officer Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP conducted America’s Boating Course (ABC-3)
July/August Issue, Page 5*
- ⇒ *P/C Gale Alls, SN and Lt/C Evelyn Alls, P, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary
July/August Issue, Page 5*
- ⇒ *Sea Scout Ship 1942 took their annual sailing “Long Cruise”
October/November Issue, Pages 4 and 5*





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