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FALL PICNIC AT FAIRFAX YACHT CLUB—15 OCTOBER 2022

It's fall, y'all! The Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron will be having our annual Fall Picnic at the Fairfax Yacht Club on 15 October 2022. The address is 10721 Old Colchester Road, Mason Neck, Virginia 22079.

The event will begin at 1200 hours and end at 1600 hours. As we aren't completely out of the pandemic, we will observe modified COVID precautions. Everyone is asked to bring their own food. Wearing masks and social distancing are optional. The goal remains to stay safe and healthy.

We will hold our General Membership Meeting for October during the picnic. Zoom will not be available.

Our examiners will be providing vessel safety checks at the marina. For further details concerning vessel safety checks, please contact Vessel Safety Checks Chair, P/C Rich Unis, JN at SkipperUnis@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about the picnic, feel free to contact us at www.NVSPS.org. For more information about the Fairfax Yacht Club, please visit [Fairfax Yacht Club - Home](#)



Please see previous issues of "of Tars & Terns" online. If you do not have internet access, you may request that a paper copy be mailed to you from the Editor. If you require additional information pertaining to content in this newsletter, please contact us at editor@nvsp.org

REMINDER:

General Membership Meeting notifications are sent via email.

If you have not received an email notification, please contact us at editor@nvsp.org

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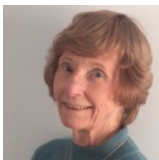


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Meeting Information

If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a Bridge Officer for confirmation of in-person meeting prior to heading out.

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each month

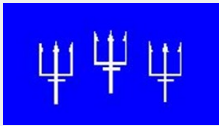
May meeting held at Spring Picnic; October meeting held at Fall Picnic—No Zoom available

No meetings in August and December

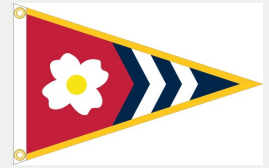
Location: Alexandria Police Headquarters, Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 at 1930 hours, also accessible via Zoom. Login information will be distributed via email and available from Bridge Officers.

Executive Committee Meetings (when deemed necessary):

4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 1900 hours



Commander's Message



September 2022

Hello Squadron members,

I hope you all enjoyed a safe and wonderful summer—with at least some of it being on the water. Now that autumn is here and boating season is concluding, it's time to move forward with plans for the end of the year. There are upcoming power and sailboat shows in Annapolis, MD. If any of you would like to get together and attend, please let me know or reach out to any Bridge Officer.



The District 5 Fall Conference will be held this year at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD. (See page 6.) More information about registration for the conference will be shared with you soon. It would be great if you can attend. It's always nice to gather with members of other squadrons—renewing old friendships and making new ones..

Promoting boater safety through education is the mission of our organization. To that end, we would like to know what boating courses our members might be interested in taking. If you have any ideas or specific boating safety educational needs, please contact Claire Wyngaard, our Assistant Educational Officer at cwyngaard@verizon.net. We will be working on future course offerings, perhaps with guest instructors from other squadrons.

In October, we will have our annual Fall Picnic at the beautiful Fairfax Yacht Club (featured on page 1). I would like for our Squadron to enjoy more social events—both on land and on the water. If you have any suggestions or ideas for group outings, please let me know at commander@nvsp.org. You can also contact any Bridge Officer. Their contact information is on page 2. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Cdr Denise Robinson



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* NVSPS Member Birthdays *



SEPTEMBER

Thomas G. Ahem, Jr.	02
Jon M. Gibney	13
Norbert P. Hymel	15
Judith E. Grass	16
Missy P. Sowers	17
John E. Harmon	19



Congratulations!

- ◇ Gale and Evelyn Alls celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on August 23rd.
- ◇ Walt Lazear and Audrey Adair were married in June. They kindly shared a link of their first dance.

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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, learn, find adventure and build long-lasting friendships. Programs are for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. Visit us online at: <https://www.seascoutship1942.org>



UPCOMING BOAT SHOWS

6-9 Oct

Annapolis Powerboat Show

Annapolis, MD

For more information, please visit: [United States Powerboat Show](#) | [Annapolis Boat Shows](#)



13-17 Oct

Annapolis Sailboat Show

Annapolis, MD

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2022 District 5 Fall Educational Conference

The Fall Educational Conference will be held 3-6 November 2022, at the Maritime Institute Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, MD. Please check your email for registration information and conference details. If you have not received an email about the Fall Educational Conference, please contact a Bridge Officer.



SEA SCOUT QUARTERMASTER PROJECT INVITATION

14 September 2022

Dear Ms. Alls,

Thank you for your invitation to attend the September 13th meeting of the NVSPS. My mother mentioned that you would keep her informed of all future meetings and events so I may be able to participate when I am home from college. She also was delighted that you extended the invitation to her and my father to join.

If I may, I would like to take this opportunity to invite the members of NVSPS to my Sea Scout Quatermaster Project which I hope will take place in the next few weeks. I have completed all the preparation necessary as outlined in my Quatermaster Project workbook for when I receive notification that I may begin. (It has been delayed due to circumstances beyond my control.) I am doing a project to benefit the community of my home church, Alexandria Presbyterian Church. We are nearing the completion of our church home. (It is the first building that we can call our own in our thirty years of existence.) Once the Alexandria city inspectors give us their final approval, I can begin my project -- which is to design and construct a building (shed) to store our outdoor equipment. This would be a great opportunity for the USPS and Sea Scouts to come together and work collaboratively. I would be honored if any of your members would like to support this effort.

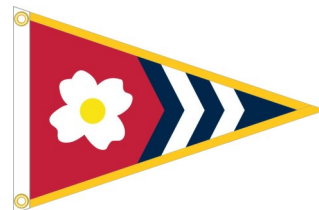
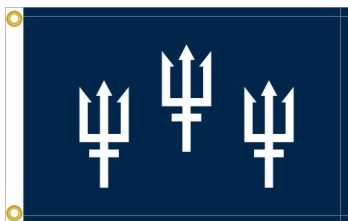
Thank you again for your invitation and I will look forward to participating in USPS events in the future.

Sincerely,

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In Memoriam: P/C William I. Jones, P



Past Commander Bill Jones crossed the bar in July. He served as the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron Commander from 1985 to 1986. Condolences were sent to his family on the Squadron's behalf and can be viewed at: [William Jones Obituary - Brentwood, MD \(dignitymemorial.com\)](http://dignitymemorial.com) .



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