



## 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.

There have been extensions of the reservation and registration dates in addition to lowering of certain fees. Please visit [Home \(abc-midatlantic.org\)](http://Home(abc-midatlantic.org)) for the latest updates.



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### REMINDER:

*General Membership Meeting notifications are sent via email.*

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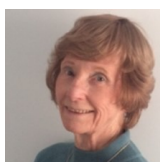
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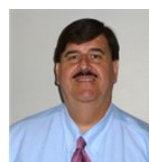
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## Meeting Information

*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**

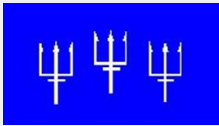
**May meeting held at Spring Picnic; October meeting held at Fall Picnic—No Zoom available**

**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



October 2022

Hello Squadron members,

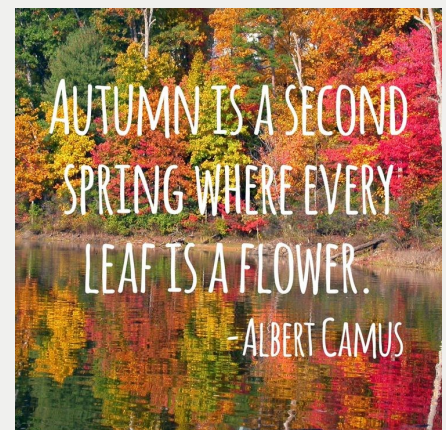
As we move further into this “second spring” called autumn, we have a lot of opportunities ahead. First and foremost, I would like to remind everyone to please make sure your member profile is accurate. Review and update your personal information on file by visiting: [Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron home page \(nvsps.org\)](https://www.nvsps.org) to login and access your personal information. Scroll down and click on your name to see your details. Then click at the bottom to make any necessary changes.



We will be reaching out to you via email, requesting that you let us know what (if any) boating courses you might be interested in taking—either online or in-person. Please be on the lookout and be sure to respond so we can chart our course forward to meet your boating safety needs. Your response would be most helpful.

We also intend to contact “cyber members” who are located in our area to invite them to join our Squadron. It would be a wonderful chance to get to know more boaters and welcome them into the fold. If you have any suggestions/recommendations for projects, outings, events, etc., please feel free to contact me at [commander@nvsps.org](mailto:commander@nvsps.org). I'd be happy to hear from you!

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## \* NVSPS Member Birthdays \*



### OCTOBER

William H. Wright, Jr.	01
Sean Gallagher	20
Francis Williamson	24



### Mark 5 Fall Issue Now Available Online

America’s Boating Club Mid-Atlantic’s newsletter, “Mark 5” is online. You can catch up on all the latest happenings throughout District 5 in the fall issue. Please visit the website at: <https://abc-midatlantic.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf>



### JOIN THE SEA SCOUTS

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Learn what gear you need for winter paddling in this issue's **Paddle Smarts**.

In **Key West Shakedown Cruise**, experienced cruisers join new liveaboards on their maiden voyage.

See what's next for our intrepid 80-year-olds in **Part II of Octogenarian Odyssey**.

Get all this and much, much more inside this issue.



## America's Boating Channel Steps Up to the Next Level

United States Power Squadrons' (USPS) boating safety and boater education video service, America's Boating Channel, received awards for being the Top Marine Media Outlet in 2021 and for producing the best PSA Video Series in 2022, but its most meaningful award came in the form of increased support from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

In June, the USCG awarded USPS a new grant covering the period July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025 to substantially expand America's Boating Channel into a mainstream media offering. The video service, which has benefited enormously from District 5 participation during its first six years, will now focus on four growth areas.

### New Video Series

Twelve new titles will be developed, produced, and distributed each year as America's Boating Channel's seventh through ninth seasons of boating safety and boater education videos. For the upcoming 2023 season's series of twelve videos, topics under consideration include border crossing; preventing slips, trips, and falls; partnering in command; disembarking hazards; boating with small children; engine



failure causes and cures; towed sports safety; tying dock lines; introducing AIS (Automatic Identification System); marine radio etiquette; navigating locks; and why wearing life jackets is cool – for example by enabling wearers to keep their smartphones dry for taking selfies.

### Viewership Promotion



America's Boating Channel will stimulate video viewership with a stepped-up marketing campaign, including daily posts across multiple social networks and media outlets designed to creatively alert and memorably impress upon the boating public the inherent risks associated with boating, to persuade recreational boaters to adopt safe boating behaviors, and to

remind them of these behaviors with creative variations on promotional campaign themes. Our participation in National Safe Boating Week and Operation Dry Water and exploration of social media platforms with youthful demographics in 2022 also will be expanded.



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