

NVSPS Wins “Best Exhibit” Award in 2011

What’s in your medical locker? Most boaters will agree that having a first aid kit on board is essential. But when was the last time you checked its contents and their expiration dates? For too many boaters, the medical kit is as old as the boat itself. That was the theme of the exhibit put on by the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron (NVSPS) at the Annual US Power Squadron District 5 meeting, held in Ocean City, MD in March 2011. The exhibit focused on the content of first aid kits recommended for domestic, off-shore and international waters. Working with a committee of NVSPS members, Sue Karjala conceived the idea and Jean Durgin brought the idea to life through her art work. The exhibit won the highly coveted “Best Hospitality Room of the Year” award - a first for this Squadron.

John Karjala, Commander of NVSPS, said, “This is the first win for our Squadron since the award was inaugurated some 20 years ago. It is a high honor and a tribute to the work and dedication of the members of NVSPS who participated in this event. I am very proud of the contribution our Squadron has made to boating safety, and I am delighted that our efforts resulted in the distinction of having the best exhibit at the annual conference.”

The award is based on a competition of Squadron exhibits for continuity of theme, hospitality of hosts, and overall efforts to draw and hold the attention of visitors.

The United States Power Squadron was established in 1914 to provide community service, continuing education, and the camaraderie of fellow boaters. NVSPS serves the Northern Virginia region with numerous opportunities to serve others and to continue lifelong learning opportunities. NVSPS actively welcomes new members. If you would like more information about our organization, please visit www.nvsp.org.

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