

Outstanding NVSPS Members

The Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron has been fortunate to have many exceptional members who have given generously of their talents and time to carry out the squadron's mission. In alphabetical order, here are a few.

W. Thomas Ballew, AP Finley Sea Scout Service Award

W. Thomas Ballew received the prestigious USPS Finley Sea Scout Service Award for his tireless leadership of Sea Scout Ship 1942 at the USPS Governing Board meeting in New York City held the week of 14-18 August 2006.

The Finley Sea Scout Service Award recognizes those members and honorees of the USPS who are also youth or adult Sea Scout leaders and who have provided outstanding civic, educational, and fraternal leadership to both the Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons, through civic involvement, educational achievement and active participation in both programs. The United States Power Squadrons and the Boy Scouts of America agreed in 2003 to a partnership for the benefit of Sea Scouts. Tom joined NVSPS at that time, became Chair of Youth Programs and worked with the Squadron Education Officer to coordinate training for members of Sea Scout Ship 1942. His leadership was demonstrated by the countless awards and honors the scouts won.

The Award is named for Past Chief Commander Raymond A. Finley, Jr. who became a Sea Scout in 1935 and earned the highest achievement recognition in Sea Scouting, the Quartermaster Award in 1939. Upon entering the Navy during World War II, his Sea Scouting background and his engineering training at Rutgers University helped him to become an instructor at Midshipman School. During 1982-83 he served as Chief Commander of the USPS.

Past Chief Commander Raymond A. Finley, Jr. (90+ years old) was on hand to present the award to Skipper Ballew who is its 26th recipient.

W. Ben Fulton III, AP
USPS Lifesaving Award

W. Ben Fulton received the USPS Lifesaving Award for his actions on the morning of 11 October 2004 in saving the life of a man in the Chesapeake Bay. Ben was aboard his 37' Pacific Seacraft named *Loon* in Herring Bay when he noticed something unusual in the water off his starboard bow. He altered course to investigate and found a man sitting in cold water in a swamped johnboat and waving his arms for help. Ben was able to throw him a line and pull him aboard *Loon*.

After wrapping the man in a boat cover for warmth, Ben called the Coast Guard and reported the man's condition and their location. While they waited for the Coast Guard to arrive, Ben gave him food and water. The man indicated that he had been fishing near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge the previous afternoon. His outboard motor would not start and around 1900 his boat swamped. He had spent the entire night in the swamped boat, wearing a life vest and holding an empty gas can for extra buoyancy. He had no radio or distress signal beyond a flashlight. He was in the water for 13 hours and drifted south approximately 15 miles.

The man told Ben that he didn't think he would ever see his family again. The Coast Guard arrived in 40 minutes and took the man to a nearby marina where an ambulance was waiting. He was examined at the hospital, released and reunited with his family later that day.

Thanks to Ben Fulton's alertness, sailing experience, Power Squadron training and being in the right place at the right time, he saved a fellow boater's life. NVSPS is proud to have Ben Fulton as a longtime and valued member.

D/1st/Lt John Malatak, AP
Chapman Safety Award

At the 2001 annual meeting of USPS in Orlando, John Malatak received the prestigious Chapman Safety Award for his lifetime achievements in boating safety. The award is named after Charles F. Chapman, past Chief Commander of the U.S. Power Squadron and former editor of *Motor Boating and Sailing Magazine*. John Malatak is the Chief of the Program Development and Implementation Division in the Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard. The award was presented to him by Louisa Rudeen, *Motor Boating Magazine's* editor-in-chief and Chief Commander Lance Jenson.

In 2000 John was selected by the National Safe Boating Institute to receive only the sixth award presented over the past 20 years of the highly prized “Silver Schooner.” He was honored by the National Safe Boating Council for his exemplary support and leadership in advancing safer boating through education and received the National Safe Boating Council’s “Chesapeake Light Ship Award.” In 1999 he was awarded the National Association of Boating Law Administrators’ (NASBLA) Special Recognition Award.

P/R/C Robert M. Malone, SN
August A. Busch III Boating Safety Award
Michelob Schooner

On 25 January 1986 P/C Robert M. Malone, SN received the August A. Busch III Boating Safety Award. This prestigious award is presented by the United States Coast Guard to those people who, through their personal contributions, have significantly advanced the cause of Boating Safety in the United States.

Bob has been involved in boating for most of his life. As a Boy Scout and Sea Scout he taught basic boating, rowing and canoe skills. For the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary he taught many classes, performed search and rescue missions and operational patrols. He joined the U.S. Power Squadron in 1963 and is a charter member of Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron, serving as Commander in 1969-70. He served as Administrative Officer and Safety Officer for District 5. He served on the National General Safety Committee for six years, as its Chairman for three.

While District 5 Safety Officer, Bob developed two training programs, “Safety in Action” and “Skipper Saver Program.” While on the National General Safety Committee he instituted training in towing which combines theory with routine drills; operating fire extinguishers; use of emergency signaling devices; and man overboard retrieval.

In cooperation with several physicians he developed a “Fleet Surgeon Program” which provides training in CPR, advises how to meet emergencies at sea, and discusses medical problems related to boating.

Bob was instrumental in the development of the toll-free 800 number through which BoatUS Foundation provides a nationwide listing of boating courses. He represented USPS on the National Safe Boating Council for three years.

His strongest personal effort was toward encouraging all members of the boating community to work together more closely, blending their programs wherever possible, and recognizing and reinforcing complimentary programs.

Richard Schwartz
Founder and Chairman, BoatU.S.

As founder of Boat Owners Association of The United States in 1966, BoatU.S. President Richard Schwartz has directed the growth of this association into the largest organization of recreational boat owners in the country with a membership which now exceeds 670,000.

Over the past 40 years, Mr. Schwartz has been a leading consumer advocate and representative of the recreational boating public. He played a primary role in the enactment of the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, the Recreational Boating Safety and Facilities Improvement Act of 1980, and the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund Act of 1984. BoatU.S. successfully lobbied Congress to repeal the federal boat “user fee” tax in 1992 and the boat luxury tax in 1993.

Mr. Schwartz also serves as Chairman of the Board of Boat America Corporation, an employee-owned corporation of 600 employees, and also Chairman of the Board of the 501(c)(3) BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety.

For his efforts over the years, Mr. Schwartz has been recognized with a number of national awards, including the Annual Award of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (1983); the August A. Busch “Michelob Schooner” Boating Safety Award (1987); the Boating Hall of Fame Award from the National Safe Boating Council (1995); Lifetime Achievement Award from National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (1999); the Distinguished Public Service Commendation from the United States Coast Guard (2000); and the National Marine Manufacturers Association Charles F. Chapman Award (2005) for providing consistent promotion and protection of the sport of boating and its benefits to both the recreational boating industry and the public. He was also appointed by the Secretary of Transportation to the National Boating Safety Advisory Council.

**P/C John A. Shivik, AP
Charles F. Chapman Award**

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron took great pride in nominating P/C John A. Shivik, AP to receive the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching for educational year 2000-01. He demonstrates the finest qualities of a USPS educator. The keys to his success are his infectious enthusiasm for his subject and his concern for his students.

P/C Shivik was chosen from all of the local squadron nominees to be District 5's nominee for the national Charles F. Chapman Award for 2000-01. He continued his excellent work as a squadron instructor and was nominated for the Charles F. Chapman Award again in 2006.

John is a popular instructor in the USPS Boating Course. He understands the differing demands of adult education. He has mastered the art of combining teaching materials with his own knowledge from years in the Navy in a way that highlights important lessons for the students. He is cognizant of the need to keep more knowledgeable students interested while assisting students who struggle to grasp new concepts. He finds opportunities for outside-the-classroom learning.

John understands the importance of humor in teaching and uses it often. He begins each Weather class with a "Weekly Weather Joke."

- *What's worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis.*
- *Weather forecast for Mexico: Chili today, hot tamale.*
- *What happened to the cow that was lifted into the air by a tornado? Udder disaster!*

His Boating Course students are amused at his use of a chocolate orange to demonstrate the difference between latitude and longitude. John strikes the foil wrapped candy on a desk and it splits into longitude-like slices. After observing the longitudinal lines and how they vary from pole to the equator, the students enjoy the sweet treat. This ingenious idea allows students to learn using their five senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste.

In addition to developing teaching aids, John finds ways to empower his students to continue to learn and to teach others once the class had ended. Truly gifted teachers pursue a lifetime of learning and John lives by this rule. One of his students said, "John is absolutely the living example of the best volunteer instructor – knowledgeable, educated, patient and helpful."

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron Awards and Trophies

Commander's Trophy

Presented as a perpetual trophy by Cdr. William C. Redfearn, Jr., AP to be presented each year to the NVPS member and boat with the lowest average error in all NVPS navigators contests offered each year.

1968 – Russell Hartz	1982 – P/C Robert Malone
1969 – Cdr. Robert Malone	1983 – P/C William Eldridge
1970 – William Abbott	1984 – Glen Harvey
1971 – William Abbott	1985 – P/C William Eldridge
1972 – Ronald Sowers	1985 – P/C Richard Murphy
1973 – P/C Robert Malone	1986 – J.R. Dindlebeck
1974 – James Settle	1987 – P/C William Alberts
1975 – P/C Robert Malone	1988 – P/C William Jones
1976 – Cdr Ronald Sowers	1989 – P/D/C William Eldridge
1977 – James Settle	1990 – P/C William Alberts
1978 – Fred Larsen	1990 – P/C Ronald Sowers
1979 – Fred Larsen	1991 – P/C William Alberts
1980 – P/C Robert Malone	1997 – P/C William Alberts
1981 – Fred Larsen	1998 – P/C William Alberts

Cooperative Charting Trophy

Presented as a perpetual trophy by Cdr. Robert B. Malone, AP, to be presented each year to the NVPS member who submitted the greatest number of chart corrections.

1969 – Robert Kloski	1980 – Alick Shirley
1970 – James Fitzgerald	1981 – Robert Myers
1972 – James Head	1993 – James Davidson Jr.
1974 – Vance Abshire	1994 – James Davidson Jr.
1975 – Andrew McGehee Jr.	1995 – P/C Michael Foster
1976 – Horst Wuestenhagan	1997 – Kimball Kahn
1977 – Milton Weber	1998 – Evelyn Alls
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1979 – Derek Scorer	2000 – Dennis Jezierski

Clifford W. Ford NVPS Last Chance Navigation Contest

For the winner of the last navigation contest of the boating season. Originated by Clifford W. Ford.

1971 – W.W. Chambers	1983 – Bob Myers
1972 – R. E. Hale	1984 – Bob Robertory
1973 – Frederick Larsen	1985 – Herb Dindlebeck
1974 – Dick Murphy	1986 – J. R. Dindlebeck
1975 – Dick Murphy	1987 – P/C William Alberts
1976 – P/C William Eldridge	1988 – P/C Bill Eldridge
1977 – Cdr Ron Sowers	1989 – P/C William Eldridge
1978 – Bill Alberts	1990 – P/C Ron Sowers
1978 – Cdr Jim Settle	1991 – Dennis Jezierski
1979 – P/C Jim Settle	1992 – P/C William Alberts
1980 – P/C Jim Settle	1997 – P/C William Alberts
1981 – P/C Bob Malone	1998 – P/C William Alberts
1982 – P/C Bob Malone	

Spirit of Flower Power

For exceptional service to the Commander in generating membership participation.

1972 – Andy McGehee	1987 – P/C William Alberts
1973 – Art Tiemann	1988 – Ed Marsh
1974 – Robert Whitfield	1990 – Daniel Griffin
1975 - Curtis Clayton	1991 – Patrick Sowers
1976 – Alfred Reynolds	1992 – Don Benedetto
1977 – Samuel Weaver	1993 – Gale & Evelyn Alls
1978 – Vance Abshire	1994 – Dennis Jezierski
1979 – J. David Newell	1995 – Karen Jezierski
1980 – Vance Abshire	1996 – Edwin & Martha Dodd
1981 – Vance Abshire	1997 – Lindalee Fitton
1982 – Al Shirley	1998 – Martha Jane Dodd
1983 – Alan Hart	1999 – Martha Jane Dodd
1984 – Gale Alls	2000 – Martha Jane Dodd
1985 – Dennis Jezierski	2001 – Martha Jane Dodd
1986 – Michael & Helen Sylvester	

Trailer Boat Trophy

Presented as a perpetual trophy by James O. Shepard to be presented each year to the NVPS member and trailer-boat with the lowest average percentage in all NVPS predicted log contests offered each year.

1974 – J. David Newell	1982 – Linda Myers
1975 – J. David Newell	1983 – John Harvey
1976 – J. David Newell	1991 – Michael Welch
1977 – Robert Myers	1992 – J. David Treas
1978 – Daniel Feinberg	1997 – P/C Jere Dando
1979 – Robert Myers	
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Dean C. Lindquist Trophy

Awarded to the best NVPS navigator competing in all Navigation contests in a season.

Originated in memory of Dean C. Lindquist.

1976 – Cdr Ronald Sowers	1988 – Michael Flanders
1977 – E. Ross Hart	1989 – P/C Charles Eby
1978 – John Francis	1990 – P/C Ronald Sowers
1979 – John Francis	1991 – P/C Bill Alberts
1980 – P/C Ronald Sowers	1992 – David Treas
1981 – John Francis	1997 – P/C William Alberts
1982 – John Dabinett	1998 – P/C William Alberts
1983 – Charles Eby	1999 – P/C William Alberts
1984 – P/C Ronald Sowers	2000 – P/C Richard Durgin
1985 – Michael Flanders	2001 – P/C William Alberts
1986 – P/C Ronald Sowers	2002 – P/C William Alberts
1987 – P/C William Alberts	

The Charles S. Kent Perpetual Memorial Award

Presented annually to the Northern Virginia Power Squadron sailboat skipper whose seamanship, dedication, service, participation, and citizenship best exemplify the principles of the United States Power Squadron.

1977 - P/C William Kelly	1997 – Ben Fulton
1978 – Robert Simmons	1998 – Charles Olin
1979 – Newbern Ray Jr.	1999 – P/C Jere Dando
1980 – P/C Robert Simmons	2000 – Ben Fulton
1981 – Charles Ehle	2001 – Walt & Manette Lazear
1982 – John Keegan	2002 – Joel Bailey
1983 – Ben Fulton	2003 – Paula Bailey
1984 – John Walker	2004 – Pete & Judy Soballe
1985 – William Russell	2005 – Ben Fulton
1988 – William Wright	2006 – Ed Phillips

NVPS Educational Award

Awarded annually to the NVPS member for his outstanding contribution to our educational program.

1978 – Richard Church	1993 – Alan Blankfield
1979 – John Chase Sr.	1994 – Henry Trochesset
1980 – Robert Robertory	1995 – Henry Trochesset
1982 – Frederick Larsen	1996 – P/C Michael Foster
1983 – P/C James Settle	1997 – Kimball Kahn
1984 – E. Ross Hart	1998 – Chip & Jill Hayes
1985 – P/C William Steeper	1999 – P/C Michael Foster
1986 – Hugh McClelland	2000 – P/C Richard Durgin
1987 – David Ansell	2001 – John Shivik
1988 – Michael Sylvest Jr.	2002 – Lin & Cathy Sheffield
1989 – Dan Griffin	2003 – Tony Morris
1990 – Charles Mosier	2004 – Dwight Bues
1991 – Daniel Griffin	2005 – G. Jay Nelson
1992 – Henry Trochesset	2006 – Brian Middleton

NVPS Jack Isicson Trophy

Presented by the Isicson family for the best single score of the year in an NVPS navigators' contest by an NVPS boat navigated by her owner.

1984 - Dan Black	1992 - Bill Alberts
1985 - Bill Alberts	1997 - Bill Alberts
1986 - R. Robertory	1998 – Bill Alberts
1987 - Bill Alberts	1999 - Bob Fitton
1988 – Ron Sowers	2000 - Bill Alberts
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1991 - Dennis Jezierski	2004 – Bill Alberts

NVPS Rookie/Newer Member Award

Presented annually by the NVPS Commander to a new member who has made substantial contributions of time and effort to the success of the squadron.

1992 - James P. Lee	2006 - Joe & Gail Jarocki
1993 - Pete Sofolarides	
1994 - Rich Hayes	
1995 - Kitty St. Romain	
1996 - Elwood Sheetz	
1997 - David Rymph	
1998 - Vincent Langan	
1999 - Joel & Paula Bailey	
2000 - Barbara Swengel	
2001 - Allan Sager	
2002 - Jim & Robin Roberts	
2003 - Jay Nelson	
2004 - Michael Waltman	
2005 – Ed Phillips	

Outstanding Instructor -- Boating Safety

For the instructor of boating safety who best exemplifies the spirit and principles of USPS. Presented by Jere and Nancy Dando.

1997 – Richard B. Hayes	2002 – Allan Sager
1998 – Stuart L. Stauss	2003 - Francis Williamson
1999 – Gale Alls	2004 – Joel & Paula Bailey
2000 - Lin & Cathy Sheffield	2005 – Richard Durgin
2001 – Charles Olin	2006 – G. Jay Nelson

NVPS Past Commanders Award

Awarded to a Past Commander of NVPS for continuing outstanding service to Northern Virginia Power Squadron. Presented by Jere and Nancy Dando.

1999 – P/C Dennis Jezierski
2000 – P/C Gale Alls
2001 – P/C Richard Durgin and P/C Gale Alls
2002 – P/C Robert Fitton and Lindalee Fitton
2003 – P/C Charles Eby and P/C Gale Alls
2004 – P/C Dennis Jezierski (awarded posthumously)
2005 – P/C John Shivik
2006 – P/C Edwin Dodd

Commander's Discretionary Awards – 2001

Joseph Cook, Rosemarie Cook, Elwood Sheetz, Barbara Swengel

Commander's Discretionary Awards – 2002

Dwight Bues, Russell Grasso, Jean Durgin

Commander's Discretionary Awards – 2003

Ben Fulton, Allan Sager, Duke Wheeler, Ruth Grasso, James Roberts, Robin Roberts, Linda Sager, Jean Durgin, Martha Jane Dodd.

Commander's Discretionary Awards – 2004

Allan Sager, Cathleen Sheffield, Charles Olin, Elaine Colen, Jean Durgin, Jay Nelson, Lindalee Fitton, Thomas Ballew.

Special Award to First Mate Extraordinary Helen Alberts

Golden Heart P/C Award to P/C Dennis Jezierski (awarded posthumously)

Commander's Discretionary Awards – 2005

Gale Alls, Jean Durgin, Manette Lazear, Walt Lazear, Al Sheetz, Judy Soballe, Pete Soballe.

Commander's Discretionary Awards – 2006

Rick Baker, Clara Blanding, P/C Dick Durgin, Jean Durgin, P/C John Shivik, Robert Van Buskirk and especially, P/C Bill & Helen Alberts – for constantly demonstrating what life, boating and USPS are all about.