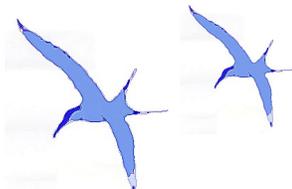




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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Mark your calendars and come join us.

March

- 09..... **All Hands Meeting**
Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, and an excellent program.. (See page 3 for details.)
- 12..... **Change of Watch**
(See page 5 for details and page 7 for the Reservation Form.)
- 23..... **ExCom Meeting**
- 25-27..... **D5 Spring Conference**
Ocean City, Maryland
(See page 6 for details.)

April

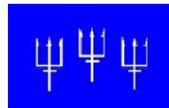
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Please note: a complete calendar listing, including education courses, can be found on our squadron website at www.nvsp.org.

The Reservation Form for the Change of Watch can be found on page 7.



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Commander Sends . . .

Cdr George Nartsissov, AP

We are approaching the Squadron Annual Meeting Wednesday, 9 March 2011, and the Change of Watch, Saturday, 12 March! It seems such a short time ago that we were preparing for the same events.

I knew that the duties of the Squadron Commander can not be performed by the Commander alone. Therefore, the best part of being the commander is working with the Bridge, Members at Large, the Staff and Squadron Volunteers on the various squadron events. **Thank you all for your assistance, advice and hard work during this past year!!!** It takes a team effort to administer the squadron – you were, and are, a great team!

Annual Meeting: The squadron Annual meeting is coming up on 9 March. The new Bridge and certain Staff positions will be elected at that meeting. This is an important meeting in the life of the squadron

Change of Watch: The date is Saturday, 12 March. We are privileged to have the District 5

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Scheduled Meetings:

Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS Headquarters* facility at 1900 (7:00 pm). Any changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron web site.

*BoatUS Headquarters and meeting location:

880 South Pickett Street, Alexandria VA

From the Capital Beltway, take the VA-613/ Van Dorn Street exit, exit number 173 (aka exit 3), towards Franconia. Turn left onto South Van Dorn Street / VA-613 North. Turn left onto South Pickett Street. Go less than .5 miles and turn in at the BoatUS sign and go to the lighted parking lot in the rear. Proceed to the entrance.



*Do you or one of your friends
need a vessel checked?*

Or want to become an examiner yourself?

*J. von Senden,
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March Program



Do You Know What's On Your Bottom?

More correctly, do you know what should be on your bottom (no, your boat's bottom)?

Our guest will be Brian Kieb from Pettit Paint (pettitpaint.com). Brian has been employed by Pettit for twenty years, spending the first four years inside before moving to their labs for one year in R&D. During the ensuing years Brian has traveled through the Mid-Atlantic states, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee promoting the Pettit paint line and handling customer relations. He regularly does field testing for new products.

In addition to bottom paint, Pettit has some brand new products that Brian will tell us about.

Brian usually brings some goodies for those in attendance, so don't miss a great presentation from an expert in his field and a chance to take home a gift from Pettit.

Don't miss this interesting and useful presentation at the next All Hands Meeting at 1900 (7:00 pm) on 09 March at BoatUS Headquarters, 880 South Pickett Street, Alexandria VA.

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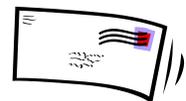
Commander, D/C L. Chris Brown, JN, and his wife Ginny, as our guest and District Commander officiating the squadron Change of Watch. I am inviting ALL of you to join us at the COW ceremony and dinner. (Complete and send in the Reservation Form on page 7 of this newsletter.)



District 5 Spring Conference: The conference is March 25 – 27 at the Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Please see details on the D-5 web site www.uspsd5.org for reservations and event schedule. We have a good group planning to attend. NVSPS will be hosting a “Hospitality Suite” (Room 217) for the entire weekend with a display on Friday, 25 March. The theme is “IT IS TIME!” – come and find out what it is “time” for.

National “Distinctive Communicator” Award for NVSPS Web Site and “oT&T”: NVSPS is one of 19 squadrons in D-5 to receive the Distinctive Communicator award from National Headquarters for the year 2010. Thanks to D/Lt Walter Lazear, AP, for his excellent continuous work on our squadron web site (www.nvsp.org) and to the “oT&T” editors Lt Manette Lazear, AP, and P/Stf/C Richard Davis, AP, for their efforts in compiling, editing and publishing our excellent squadron paper! We should receive the certificate at the D-5 Spring Conference.

It has been a privilege to serve you during this past year. As always there are things one wishes that could have been done better. The challenge, continued from my watch, is to involve more of you in the activities and administration of the squadron. You have received a letter from Frank Shults, S, Executive Officer nominee for 2011-2012. The letter asks for your involvement in the squadron. PLEASE consider the request and “answer the call”!



Ann and I thank you for your support and friendship.

CDR George Nartsissov, AP



NVSPS Meeting News

January All Hands Meeting



Commander George Nartsissov presents certificate of appreciation to Mary Loose Deviney, Regional Coordinator for Boating Safety Education, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for her work with NVSPS in promoting boating education. *(Photo courtesy of Frank Shultz.)*

February All Hands Meeting



Guest speakers were LCDR Mark Turner, US Coast Guard (CG 5342), Office of Search and Rescue, SARSAT Liaison Officer and Lt. Adolfo Vieceza, USCG a Surface Rescue Officer currently in charge of Rescue Policy & Guidance at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC.

They explained the USCG organization in the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River areas of responsibility and rescue. CDR Turner brought "training aids" such as EPIRBS, ELT's and the latest personal rescue communication devices just coming on to the market. Many interesting questions arose, particularly from Mike Card who sails alone on the Bay. USCG rescue timeline on the Bay is a maximum time of 30 minutes "rescue boat lines in or rescue helicopter airborne" plus the time to reach the incident location from launch point. Boat speed is approximately 15kts for cutters 41' and longer and 140 kts for helicopter. The goal for Chesapeake Bay is to have rescue completed in 2 hours. Regional Rescue Center (RRC) is Portsmouth, VA. With several CG stations on the Bay such as York River, Milford Bay, Annapolis and more in the northern bay. *(Photos courtesy Keith Segerson and Francis Williamson.)*



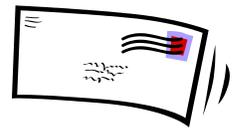
Executive Officer

Lt/C John G. Karjala, P



In May 2010 in my *of Tars & Terns* article, I wrote: “We are all volunteers. We, as members of Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron, are volunteers. We volunteered to learn more about safe boating, to learn about other nautical matters, to take time off to appreciate Squadron social programs, to participate in civic service projects, or to identify other areas of challenge.”

You recently received an 8 February 2011 letter from Frank R. Shults Executive Officer (2011 Nominee). That letter sought information from you to be used in the planning of Squadron activities and also asked you for your consideration in volunteering to take on an officer or Chair position. **Please respond to that letter and send back the questionnaire in the self addressed envelope that was provided.**



We need you to provide your guidance and your time to make this Squadron more active and vital.

In May 2010, I went on to say, “Some members concluded that they would volunteer to participate in more than one ... area, while other members prefer to focus on only one area. That is similar to all volunteer organizations and it is good....”

As stated in that newsletter, “Feel free to contact me even if it is merely to express a passing interest in an area that might have a Squadron application. There is no commitment for airing your interests and you might find a slot for a free or almost free positive learning experience. Lt/C John G. Karjala, P. (703) 818-8676.”

CHANGE OF WATCH



Our Squadron’s next event is the Change of Watch dinner and awards on 12 March 2011 at the Fairfax City American Legion 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, from 6:30 to 10:00 P.M. The dinner selection is your choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu for \$25.00 per person.

Enjoy the camaraderie. The Commander’s Locker will be open. This is always a fun event. The gathering of sailing and boating wisdom at that event will give all concerned an opportunity to ask some knowledgeable person a de-winterization or re-commissioning question in a social environment. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please complete and return the **Reservation Form** on page 7 of this newsletter or call Robyn Stewart at (703) 942-9635 to make your reservation.





Secretary

Lt/C Sue. Karjala, P



Now is the time to have some fun! The USPS D/5 Officer Training and Spring Conference will be held 25 March – 27 March 2011 at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. This is always a fun event.

Our squadron will have a hospitality suite in room 217. I have volunteered to host this suite and will hold a “Happy Hour” on Friday and Saturday evenings in the suite from 4:00-6:30 p.m. for our squadron. The Commander’s Locker will be available and the squadron will provide wine, soft drinks, and bottled water. We ask that each family attending bring an appetizer to share on the evenings they will be attending. I will provide a Continental Breakfast in the suite from 8:00-10:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Coffee and breakfast food will be available. The room will be open throughout each day for you to enjoy some refreshments and relax and visit with the other members of our squadron.

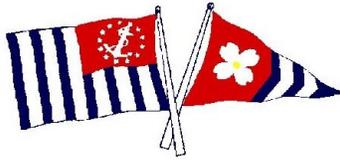


Friday evenings are always fun as we decorate our suite with a theme and each squadron from D/5 does likewise. Later that evening, everyone makes the rounds to visit all of the suites which are located in the atrium around the swimming pool. If you would like to attend, you can download the reservation forms for the conference and room reservations from the D/5 website (www.uspsd5.org).



Take a break from the cold and snow and come and join us. Hope to see you there.





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ALL Members and their Guests are cordially invited to:

NVSPS Change of Watch

1830 to 2200, 12 March 2011

at American Legion Post 177

3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030 (Located in Fairfax City)

Dinner Choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu with vegetables and sides; Two New Appetizers; and the Commander's Liquor Locker will be open. Beer, wine, set-ups and soft drinks will be available from the American Legion for a nominal charge. (No need to designate an Entrée below.)



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Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Spouse / Guests: _____

YES! I will attend the Change of Watch on **12 March 2011**.

_____ persons X \$25.00 each = \$ _____ Total.

NOTE: Please make your check payable to **"NVSPS"** and mail it with this half of the form **prior to 7 March 2011** to: Robyn Stewart, 2809 N. Underwood St., Arlington, VA 22213-1504. **Questions?**
Call Robyn at 703-942-9635 or E-mail to Silverbullet@Sailormoon.com



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Turn Left on S. Pickett
Or..From I-395 take Duke St. Exit #3 east, turn right on Van Dorn.
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