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Annual Meeting, Elections and 55th Change of Watch

On 8 March 2022, the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron conducted our 55th Change of Watch via Zoom. Sean Gallagher graciously served as Master of Ceremonies. Our special guest, District 5 Secretary, D/Lt/C Penn Hess, AP conducted the Change of Watch, pledging Denise Robinson as the new Commander.

There was only one other newly installed officer to the Bridge—Claire Wyngaard—who now serves as the Assistant Educational Officer. The other officers agreed to continue to serve in their positions. We very much appreciate their continued dedication and commitment to the Squadron.

Special gratitude goes to Jean Durgin, who provided us with the entire well-written script for the ceremony. We could not have done it without Jean's able assistance. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended.

2022 Spring Picnic at Fairfax Yacht Club

On 21 May 2022, we had our annual Spring Picnic at the newly renovated and redecorated Fairfax Yacht Club. As we aren't completely out of the pandemic, we did observe modified COVID precautions. Everyone brought their own food. Wearing masks and social distancing were optional. Everyone took care to stay safe and healthy.

Our examiners were hard at work 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.

We also conducted our General Membership Meeting during the picnic. We had a quorum and were able to address both new and old business for the good of the Squadron. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all!

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.

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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

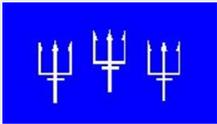
May meeting held at Spring Picnic; October meeting held at Fall Picnic—No Zoom available

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



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I'm grateful to you all for your faith and trust in electing me Commander.

I would first like to thank outgoing Commander Sowers for his outstanding service to our Squadron, especially during the height of the pandemic - keeping us together, encouraged and moving forward. I think in some ways, Patrick breathed new life into our group and gave us a fresh new outlook as we navigated the stormy seas of COVID-19 and its ensuing variants. It was also fun and instructional to have a Commander with a Power Squadrons pedigree. Patrick kindly shared loving memories of his father who was also a past Commander. It was beneficial to be led by someone with literally a lifetime of experience. Thank you, Patrick, for paving the way for me.



I must also definitely thank everyone for all of the kind assistance and great patience you've shown me. Without your help, I wouldn't be here - so please don't stop, because I need you now more than ever!

As your new Commander, I look forward to serving the Squadron and helping to achieve our goal of promoting safe boating through education. I've also set my sights on ensuring that our Squadron moves forward, evolving while staying in step with the reorganization of the US Power Squadrons, also known as America's Boating Club. As we come out of the pandemic - so it seems - we have a lot of prospects and many opportunities to grow and move in new directions to keep the organization alive and productive. To that end, I'm happy and proud to be Commander of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron. Thank you.

Cdr Denise Robinson



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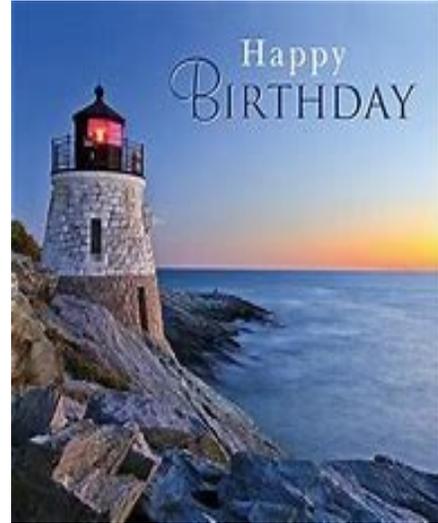


* NVSPS Member Birthdays *



MAY

Stephen Hall	15
Alan Hart	16
Patrick Sowers	18
Ronald Bosco	20
Joan Burg	22
Georgia DeBell	31
Jean Durgin	31
Ann Hall	31



JUNE

Richard Unis	10
Ben Fulton	17

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

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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.



In Memoriam: Ann F. Nartsissov, P 1939 – 2022

Ann Nartsissov, former Treasurer of NVSPS (2012-2013) and wife of Past Commander George Nartsissov (2010-2011), passed away on March 18, 2022 at age 83 in Florida.

George and Ann are remembered for their passion for and commitment to the Wounded Warrior Cruises sponsored by NVSPS. The cruises gave men and women of our armed forces a well-deserved day of relaxation on squadron power and sailboats.

Hosting wounded warriors on their boat “L’Attitudes” inspired Ann and George to plan a how-to display for our hospitality suite at the D5 Spring Conference to encourage other squadrons to host the cruises. Ann’s caring nature was apparent in the display’s emphasis on being sensitive to the physical and emotional needs of the warriors and creating a welcoming “family feel” onboard.

Thanks to her efforts and those of other members, many men and women were able to forget their troubles and enjoy the delights of the Chesapeake Bay for a day.

Contributions in Ann’s memory may be made to St. Mark Orthodox Church, 1517 57 th Street E., Bradenton, Florida 34208, www.stmarkorthodox.org.





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