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Commander Sends...

[The signal "L" is internationally used for "Stop! I have something important to say". Ed]

Although it may seem illogical to be thinking of boating in the dead of winter, I thought it'd be a good time to bring up the subject of Personal Flotation Devices (PFD), or life vests if you prefer, and the safety items they should contain. Let's start with the 5 USCG-approved PFDs, their intended purposes, and minimum buoyancies.

Type	Use	Minimum Buoyancy (lbs)
I	Offshore	22-34 lb
II	Near Shore	15.5-34
III	Flotation	15.5-22.5
IV	Throwable	16.5-32
V	Special Use	15.5-34

The lower number in the buoyancy range is the minimum for inherently buoyant vests, and the higher number is the minimum for inflatables.

So why do offshore PFDs have more buoyancy? A Type I vest will support a 200 pound individual so that the waterline will be about breast high. It's also the only vest that will turn an unconscious person face up in the water. A Type II/III PFD will support that same person so the waterline is about collarbone high. The greater buoyancy of the

Type I will raise the victim high enough to minimize waves hitting them in the face. Type II/III PFDs are less expensive and typically sufficient for the calmer, near shore conditions.

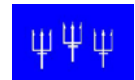
Most likely, the PFDs that came with your boat were USCG-approved Type II, inherently buoyant, vests. The problem with these is something I call the "dork factor", which simply means that when you don one you feel foolish with a big orange square chunk of foam around your neck. As a result, people avoid putting them on, even when conditions dictate that they should. Obviously no matter how good your PFD is, it's worthless if the person is not wearing it. Every year we lose several hundred boaters to drowning that could have been prevented by simply wearing their PFD.

So how do you get people to wear a PFD? The easiest way I've found is to buy upscale Type II/III vests for crew and guests. I purchased four Stearns, Type III, full-vest PFDs, that have a shirt-style collar, side pockets, and provide 22 lbs of buoyancy. PFDs of this type are comfortable, warm, and look like a regular vest. You'll find that your crew and guests will not have a problem wearing these for extended periods of time. The only downside is that the Stearns product is navy/forest green, which makes it more difficult to see the victim in the water.

After getting people to wear a PFD, the next issue is what kind of safety equipment the vest should contain. There are a lot of options, but you don't need to go nuts. My vests all contain a Firefly Plus (strobe and flashlight combination), signal mirror, whistle, dye pack (turns the water lime green), four glow sticks and a six-foot line with large spring clips on each end (used to link people together so they don't drift apart). The Captain's vest has a shoulder clip for a tethered, submersible, handheld VHF radio. These PFDs can be purchased and equipped as described above for about \$100 per vest, plus the additional handheld radio. Whatever you decide to do in the way of PFDs you need to keep in mind the USCG PFD regulations:

"One approved Type I, II or III PFD readily available for each person on board or being towed on water skis, etc.; and one throwable Type IV device immediately available. All PFDs must be USCG approved, fit the wearer and be in serviceable condition. All persons under the age of 13 years must wear a PFD at all times while on deck and the vessel is underway." (A Type V PFD may be used in lieu of any wearable PFD, if approved for the activity in which it is being used. A Type V hybrid MUST be worn to be legal.)

Above all – boat safe.



CDR G. Jay Nelson, AP

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Nominees for 2007 -2008

NVSPS BRIDGE

In accordance with the NVSPS Bylaws, the following members are recommended for election by the general membership at the 14Mar07 meeting. All have agreed to serve their prescribed terms.



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Asst Educ	Richard Unis	Asst Secretary	Susan Sams-Grohoski
Asst Admin	Ron Larson, P	Asst Treasurer	Joel Bailey, AP

<i>Executive Committee Members at Large</i>		
George Degnon, P	D/Lt Walt Lazear, AP	Francis Williamson, AP
Tom Martin, AP	J. Karjala, P	P/C Keith Segerson, P

<i>Rules Committee</i>		
1yr: Walt Lazear, AP	2yr: P/C Paula Bailey, AP	3yr: Evelyn Alls, P
4yr: Doug Layne	5yr: Richard Weinberg	

<i>Auditing Committee</i>	
Chair: Tom Martin, AP	2yr: Larry Marcus
3yr: Dwight Bues, AP	

<i>Nominating Committee</i>		
P/C Will Russell, SN	Cathy Sheffield, AP	P/C Alan Hart, AP
Glenn Fahey, P	Joe Jarocki	

The Nominating Committee: P/C Keith Segerson, P
P/C Gale Alls, SN
Martha Jane Dodd, P
Russell S. Grasso, P
Judy K. Soballe, AP

14 Mar 07 All Hands: On Deck! "ELECTIONS"

All members should plan to attend this meeting and vote for bridge and committee members. The nominating committee's slate is listed above.

There's also a (mystery) guest speaker, and refreshments by Sandy Tugwell. So don't miss this special annual event. Directions on the back page.





Admin Officer

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As I prepare to step down as your Administrative Officer, I want to thank those who helped out this past year and provided support to all the Squadron activities--all your support and assistance made an impact in how the squadron functioned throughout the year. A special thank-you to Jean and Dick Durgin, Evelyn and Gale Alls, John and Robbie Shivik, Judy and Pete Soballe, Jay Nelson, Rick Baker, Keith Segerson, Walt Lazear, Joel Bailey, Robert Van Buskirk and (especially) Clara Blanding!

Start making your plans, No! Mark your calendars and sign up for the 40th Anniversary Gala on 24 March. This is a premier event. Your personal invitation is on page 6.

Mark your calendars for the D/5 Spring Conference in Ocean City on Thursday, 29 Mar – Sunday, 1 Apr at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City MD. I've included an information paper and registration form on our web site.

We're looking for volunteers. If you're interested in giving something back without a lot of work/time involved, meeting other members, and just having fun, send me an email and get involved. We're especially looking for volunteers to help planning the Summer Cruise -- an event that should not be missed by anyone!

The continuing saga (Part 4) of our Aug, 2006 cruise through the San Juan Islands is on page 7 -- enjoy!

Happy Birthday NVSPS



Squadron member Robert Van Buskirk has donated a fairly new GPS/Chartplotter to the NVSPS to be used in classroom courses as a means to demonstrate electronic equipment, charts and chartplotting. Thanks, Robert, for this extremely generous gift to our educational program.



Harp Concert

May 12 @ 1930. Our very own D/Lt Walt Lazear, AP, will be in the annual Harp Society benefit concert at the Knox Presbyterian Church on Route 50 in Arlington.

Details are at <http://wafhs.org/benefit/>. Walt will be playing in the grand finale (20+ harps) and the performers are of high quality. This is an opportunity to hear great performances and the proceeds help young students. Tickets are \$10 for seniors & students, \$15 for others.

Hope you can join us!

Sea Scouts: "Engine Failure"

Our largest and nicest vessel, a 39-foot Pearson sloop, "Koinonia", experienced a complete diesel engine failure in November 2006. This is huge for us, and our teenage Sea Scouts are rallying to raise the needed funding support. We pulled the engine ourselves and transported it to Yorktown VA for rebuilding. This repair and re-installation is going to run the Scouts \$8000. The youth have pulled hard on the fundraising oars and have close to half the needed amount, but we have a long way to row.



Sea Scout Boatswain Andrew Scheuermann: engine removal.

Saturday, 14 April 2007, we're holding an all-day "Rummage Sale" to raise money at St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland Street, Arlington VA 22203. NVSPS Members who, during their spring cleaning, find that they wish to donate items for the benefit of our fundraising sale, can bring them by the church early that morning. We're also holding a "Bake Sale" and "Car Wash" at the same time. The Sea Scouts will offer you "One Stop Shopping." Purchase a treasured item and while you're browsing you can enjoy a cup of coffee and danish while your car is being cleaned to perfection.

Any additional financial support for our fundraising efforts from NVSPS, our partner organization, would be most gratefully appreciated. Direct cash donations with checks made out to "Ship 1942" should be mailed to the church address above ("attention: Sea Scout Ship 1942"). The Sea Scouts are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so any contribution is fully tax deductible. We'll supply written documentation for your tax records.

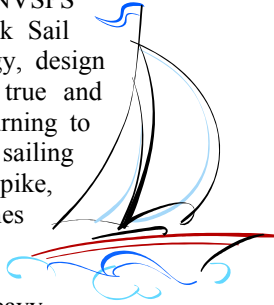
**"Don't Give up the Ship" Skipper Tom Ballew
Sea Scout Ship 1942**

Education Officer's Report

Lt/C Rick Baker, AP

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SAIL COURSE! Aye, Mateys, NVSPS is finally teaching the two-book Sail course: 101 includes terminology, design and hull types, sails, rigging, true and apparent wind, leaving and returning to the dock under sail, parking, sailing upwind and downwind; marlinspike, and sailing rules. 102 teaches sailing forces, stability and balance, trim, tuning a rig, helmsmanship, spinnakers, heavy weather, survival in storms, safety, racing, and navigation rules. You'll better understand the life of the sailor and why he must turn when he does—usually right in front of your powerboat! This is not a hard course, but you have to read the book, answer chapter questions, and come to class. 19 Mar–07 May 2007. Six Mondays, 1930–2130 (which includes a couple of weather days). P/C Keith Segerson has graciously volunteered his conference room at the GMU office on University Drive, Fairfax City.



Ten members are required for the class. We need to order books at least one month prior to the class, so please email Rick Baker with your registration, no later than (**now!**).

GPS SEMINAR. Mon, 03 May 07@1900. Learn how the GPS satellite system works for you and how to use your other equipment connected to it, like autopilots, chartplotters, etc. Robinson Secondary School 5035 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax. Register by: **15 Apr 07**

JUNIOR NAVIGATION. 14 Thursdays, starts 24 May in individual homes. This is the new USPS JN course for 2007 in seminar format. Learn celestial and GPS navigation for off-shore passages. Register by: **23 Apr 07**

SEAMANSHIP. 12 Tuesdays, starts 05 Jun @ 1900. Learn seamanship, marlinspike, boat handling, and review the rules of the road. This is the NEW Seamanship Course for 2007! Register by: **4 May 07.**

ENGINE MAINTENANCE 14 Thursdays, starts 13 Sep, @ 1900, location TBD. Learn to troubleshoot Gasoline, Diesel, Inboard, and Outboard engines. This is the NEW Engine Maintenance Course. Contact: Dwight Bues, 703-404-8728 or DBues@aol.com Register by **12 Aug 07.**

PILOTING 9 Mondays starting 10 Sep @ 1900. Location & Instructor TBD. Kick up your navigation and piloting skills to make boating in the Potomac and the Chesapeake more safe and fun. Increase your confidence in deteriorating weather and endless horizons. Incorporates the use of GPS, chartplotters, and computer-aided navigation systems, yet it provides the necessary fundamentals to get you out of trouble if your electronic systems quit. Contact: Rick Baker 703-318-5899 or: [rickbaker2006@verizon.net](mailto:rickerbaker2006@verizon.net) Register by **9 August 2007**

Virginia Boating Safety Bill

The Virginia Legislature will soon consider a bill, House Bill 1627, "Boating Safety Education", that would require all motorboat and PWC operators to take a boating safety course and carry a certificate showing successful completion of a written test.

BoatUS has asked for two clarifications: First, that if a boater has taken a course in the past and has proof of successful completion, that person does not have to take a new course. Second, BoatUS recommended that a provision be added grandfathering operators with significant experience, such as having owned and operated a Registered boat for the past 20 years.

The bill calls for an eight-year phase in; all motorboat operators will need to have taken a course by July 2016. PWC operators have a 4 year phase-in, by July 2011.

There are many ways to satisfy this requirement, including taking a free internet course or a classroom course. One may also use an existing USCG license. Note that a proctored exam is not a requirement, which would put this legislation at odds with other states that do require proctored courses. There was a hearing January 17 before the Virginia House Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources Committee. You can see the entire bill at:

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?071+ful+HB1627>

What is "Operations Training"?

Have you ever wondered what makes NVSPS tick? You can find out by taking Operations Training on Saturday, 17 Mar 07 at 0900 in the first floor meeting room at 4031 University Drive, Fairfax City. The course is **FREE** and open to all members.

Learn the organizational structure of your squadron and the regulations we follow. Learn how Squadron, District and National work together and who can become an officer. Learn how changes are made to the bylaws and how fees for courses are determined. The course covers this and much more that you may have wondered about.

This course is required for all new bridge officers, their assistants, and Executive Committee members so they can better understand their responsibilities in the next year. The instructors will be P/C Gale Alls SN and P/C Dick Durgin JN. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available. We'll start at 0900 and end in early afternoon.

So join the fun! Call Dick Durgin at 703-560-9106 or rjdurgin@aol.com. See you on 17 March!



Chantilly Boat Show

9-11 Mar 07 at the Dulles Expo Center, The theme for the Boat Show this year is “WaterSmart From the Start”. The objective is to interest younger boaters and potential boaters to take courses, join USPS, and promote boating safety. It’s a D/5 initiative that provides online training, games and links for children. USPS4KIDS.ORG is the website. Volunteers and watchstanders should be familiar with the training selections, games and links at the show.

My grandchildren played the games over three hours and delighted in beating each other in head-to-head matches.

NVSPS is looking for two volunteers to assist in preparations, including procuring a new squadron banner, education schedules, state regulations, and watchstanders list.

We start putting our booth up on Thurs 8 Mar 07 Noon - 1900. Show hrs. are:

09 Mar Fri, 1400 –2100
10 Mar Sat, 1000 –2000
11 Mar Sun, 1100 –1700

Sea Scouts will be assisting us this year, and will be teamed with NVSPS watchstanders. Materials and training will be provided to all volunteers.

Experienced members will share tours of duty with newer members and Sea Scouts.

Join our Boat Show Team to see what’s new, promote Safe Boating through education and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow NVSPS boaters. You’ll be glad you did!

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*Boaters’ paradise, the
2007 “National Capital
Boat Show”*

GPS Seminar Slated

3 MAY 1900-2130, Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax, 22032. NVSPS will present its renowned GPS Seminar. P/C Gale Alls, SN, will present the information for the public, squadron members, and their guests. He quickly covers the basics of the satellite system and then focuses on the actual use of a GPS to make your navigation and piloting skills more accurate. Gale kicks up the night drawing on his own experience using GPS in the Chesapeake. The course is **FREE** for members, and \$25 for non-members. This is a perfect follow-on seminar to the boating courses and Chart Smart, and before taking the fall Piloting Course. Please contact SEO Rick Baker, AP, at the very soonest with the number of people attending in your party: rickbaker2006@verizon.net. Register by **3 April**

Lo and Behold, a JN Course !

Yep, you read right, the NVSPS will offer Junior Navigation (JN) this spring! We haven’t offered this course in many years. But, we have about three years worth of AP graduates’ pent up demand, who may register and give us at least 10 members taking the course. Wahoo!!

We plan to offer the new JN. The real deal here is that this has been developed to aid you in crossing oceans the way it is done today, with electronic navigation and celestial back up. This is still the basic USPS course in celestial navigation, but significantly revised for the times. You’ll still learn how to take sun, moon, and noon sights and the calculations to estimate your position at sea.

The course kicks off 24 May, Thursdays, 1930 – 2130, in member homes. That’s right, we’ll rotate among member homes, as each student will prepare a chapter presentation and present it in his/her own home as the situation allows.

We need at least 10 members to make this a go. The price is \$125. Contact Rick Baker: rickbaker2006@verizon.net. **Please register by 23 April.**

Citizens’ Police Academy

Fairfax County Police Department is accepting applications for its Citizens Police Academy. This is a ten-week program designed to provide the public a “glimpse behind the badge.” Classes combine lecture and interactive activities. Topics include SWAT and special operations, gangs, 911, patrol, crime prevention, crime scene, identity theft, and a tour of the Adult Detention Center.

Thursdays, 15 March-19 May, 2007 from 1830-2200 at various police facilities. **Free.** Applicants must live or work in Fairfax County, be 18, and provide their own transportation. Acceptance is subject to review of criminal record and police contact history.

For more information or an application form, please call 703 280-0713 or e-mail FCPD-PIO@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron
cordially invites you
to its



40th Anniversary Celebration

featuring
Founders Day and Change of Watch ceremonies
on

Saturday, 24 March 2007

at

American Legion Post 177
3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030



- 6:00 p.m. Cocktails, open bar, maritime music, caricature artist
- 6:45 p.m. Welcome & flag ceremony by Sea Scouts of Ship 1942
- 7:00 p.m. Sumptuous Buffet Banquet
Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, baked potatoes, green beans amandine, tossed salad, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee.
- 8:00 p.m. Maritime music by Janie Meneely and Paul DeBlasi
- 8:30 p.m. 40th Anniversary Observance, Founders Day & Change of Watch ceremonies
- 10:00 p.m. More music by Janie Meneely and Paul DeBlasi

Dress: Uniform A, business and party attire

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Response Card

_____ will attend the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron.

Enclosed is a check payable to NVSPS for \$_____. (\$45.00 for each person attending). Cost includes the 40th Anniversary Yearbook.

Please mail Response Card and check to P/C Gale Alls, 7800 Braemar Way, Springfield, VA 22153 by 10 March 2007.

WALTZING THROUGH THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS: IV

"The Tacos are Ready"

Our first day's destination was an anchorage in Hunter Bay on Lopez Island where we were to meet Curtis Oswald and his wife Chris. But first we had to cross the dreaded Strait of Juan de Fuca, named in 1788 for a Greek mariner employed by Spain in 1592 to seek the mythical Northwest Passage. I was worried about crossing the Strait because we would be near the end of its 80 mile fetch with exposure to westerly winds and waves. And we were scheduled to arrive at the Strait in the afternoon. Its waters can be an easy ride, a tortuous slog, or down right dangerous depending on the fog, winds and sea state. Even in good weather most cruising boaters try to plan a swift crossing in the early morning when the waters are generally calmest.

Needless to say, I was a bit nervous and planned several options anticipating the worst. Fortunately the morning winds were predicted at 10-15 knots with 1-2 foot seas and surprisingly and completely contrary to its norm, easing in the afternoon. With that bit of good news, my fear eased and we cruised past several of our bail-out options. In the meantime we all settled into a routine as we watched the scenery go by and marveled at the rip tides, eddies, and changing currents along our passage up Puget Sound. Jim and I kept watch and an eye on our course both electronically and with paper charts. I also performed engine room checks (a nice warm space compared to the 62° outside, reminding us why we wanted a pilot house). Clara and Robin made lunch (the first time we were ever able to cook on a moving boat) which was instantly consumed with exclamations of "good, good...!" Ah, the simple pleasures of cruising life!

After lunch we entered the Strait and made our 18 nm passage across with light wind, barely 1-2 foot waves and a current mostly to our advantage. We finally entered Rosario Strait and made our way through Lopez Pass. Numerous channels and passes surround the San Juan



Clara smiles as CHUG is spotted in Hunter Bay

islands. These offer access to almost every island leading to coves and quiet bays for anchoring, or towns and settlements for shopping, dining, and entertainment. As we weaved our way past the rocky entrance into Hunter Bay, we spotted CHUG already anchored and made VHF contact. To my total surprise I heard, "SEA WALTZ rig for starboard rafting." Rafting! We've never rafted before, what do I do and how do I do it? Without a care or concern, Clara and Jim went off to lay out the fenders and ready the lines while Robin, sensing my panic, stayed with me silently in the pilot house. As we slowly approached, Robin calmly leaned over and whispered, "Nothing to it, go very slow and be careful of her stern as she swings around the anchor". OK, I was still a bit scared with visions of crashing into CHUG. I took a deep breath and created a visual plan in my mind of how to make it work. And work it did! We nestled effortlessly right alongside CHUG, and as lines were affixed I actually started to breathe again. Almost 60 nautical miles and 9.5 hours later, our first day of trawler cruising was over.



Nestled with CHUG

What a great start to our trip! It was made even better by Chris and Curtis who had their famous taco dinner waiting for us after the long day. We dined on hot tacos amid the beautiful sunset in Hunter Bay. We took advantage of our first night to officially celebrate SEA WALTZ, shared a champagne toast, and a short waltz on our foredeck amid the company of old and new friends. A happy smile emerged as Clara and I drifted off to sleep.

Next Month, "Butt Wiggling Time!"

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Squadron Calendar

March 2007		
9, 10, 11 Fri – Sunday	National Capital Boat Show, Dulles Expo Center Chantilly, VA Our squadron hosts a booth. Volunteer to work for 2 hours and receive free admission to the show for the entire day	Francis Williamson or George Degnon willyjhu@cox.net
14 Wednesday 1900: Social 1930: Meeting	All Hands' Meeting at Boat US Guest Speaker. Refreshments: Sandy Tugwell This is the Annual Bridge and Executive Committee Elections Meeting. All members should attend	Clara Blanding Claralee@comcast.net
15 – 19 Thurs -Sunday	46th Annual Washington Boat Show Washington Convention Center, Washington DC	703-823-7960
17 th Saturday 0900-1500	Squadron Operations Training Course Conference Room at GMU Learn the history of the Power Squadrons and how the organization is set up and operates. This course is a necessity for all Executive Committee members.	John Shivik Jshivik@cox.net
24 Saturday 1800-1300	40th Anniversary Dinner & Gala Celebration Includes Founder's Day and Change of Watch. American Legion Hall, Fairfax. \$45 per person. The social event of the year! Don't miss this very special evening! Cocktail attire. Sign up by 10 March. Invitation & details in this issue	Jean and Dick Durgin RJDurgin@aol.com
28 Wednesday 1900-2100	Excom Meeting GMU Conference Room, Fairfax	Jay Nelson gjaynelson@aolcom
Mar 30 - Apr 1 Fri - Sunday	D5 Spring Conference , Ocean City MD Princess Royale Hotel. New Officer Training Meetings and Squadron Hospitality Suites. See D5 Newsletter, <i>Mark5</i> , for details	John Shivik jshivik@cox.net
April 2007		
11 Wednesday 1900: Social 1930: Meeting	All Hands' Meeting at Boat US Refreshments: Dick and Jean Durgin. Meeting Topic: TBD	Clara Blanding Claralee@comcast.net
25 Wednesday 1900-2100	Excom Meeting GMU Conference Room, Fairfax	Jay Nelson gjaynelson@aolcom
26 – 29 Thurs–Sunday	27th Kent Island/Bay Bridge Boat Show Stevensville / Kent Island MD, Bay Bridge Marina	410-268-8828 www.usboat.com
May 2007		
3 Thursday 1900-2130	GPS Seminar Robinson Secondary School, Fairfax Free to USPS Members; \$25 for non-members. Registration required, seats are limited. Instructor: P/C Gale Alls, SN	Rick Baker Rickbaker2006@verizon.net
4-5 Fri -Saturday	D5/NOAA Cooperative Charting Workshop , National Ocean Service, Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, VA Details in <i>Mark5</i> , district newsletter	Ed Phillips
5 – 7 Sat-Monday	5th Annual Maryland Maritime Heritage Festival Annapolis City Dock, Includes a display of in-water historic and modern boats, children's activities, blessing of the fleet, entertainment, live music and more.	www.mdmhf.org/home
5 – 6 Sat–Sunday	Annapolis Spring Sails Event Annapolis, MD 10 area dealers representing 20 sailboat lines, 75 sailboat models, and 100's of previously owned yachts. No admission fees	www.springsailsevent.com
WEAR YOUR NVSPS NAME TAG TO ALL EVENTS AND CLASSROOM SESSIONS		

May 2007 (cont'd)		
9 Wednesday 1900: Social 1930: Meeting	All Hands' Meeting at Boat US Refreshments: Ann and Steve Hall. Meeting Topic: TBD	Clara Blanding claralee@comcast.net
19 Saturday	NVSPS Spring Family Picnic and Vessel Safety Check. Location: TBD Details to follow, watch this newsletter, <i>oT&T!</i>	John Shivik jshivik@cox.net
23 Wednesday 1900-2100	Excom Meeting. GMU Conference Room, Fairfax	Jay Nelson gjaynelson@aol.com
24 Thursdays 1930	Junior Navigation Course Location: Individual Member Homes, Seminar Format Leader: TBD. Register by 23 April 07. 14 Sessions Cost: TBD	Rick Baker Rickbaker2006@verizon.net 703-318-5899
June 2007		
5 Tuesdays 1900-2100	Seamanship Course Location TBD. Register by 4 May 07. Min 15 needed. Cost: TBD. Instructor: TBD. USPS members only.	Rick Baker: rickbaker2006@verizon.net 703-318-5899
13 Wednesday 1900: Social 1930: Meeting	All Hands' Meeting at Boat US Member/New Member Mixer Refreshments: Bill and Clara Blanding. Presentations by Committee and Event Chairs on areas for member participation. We'll be serving heavier than usual refreshments at this special meeting.	Clara Blanding Claralee@comcast.net
16-17 Sat-Sunday	26th Alexandria Waterfront Festival Oronoco Bay Park, Alexandria, VA	www.waterfrontfestival.org
20 Wednesday 1900-2100	Excom Meeting GMU Conference Room, Fairfax	Jay Nelson gjaynelson@aol.com
23-24 Sat-Sunday	Chesapeake Bay Cruise - Weekend Rendezvous Location: TBD Even if you can't make the summer cruise, join the kick-off weekend rendezvous.	TBD
24-30 Sat-Saturday	NVSPS Annual Summer Chesapeake Cruise Itinerary: TBD. Watch the <i>of Tars and Turns</i> for details. This is THE summer squadron cruise, get out and boat with your fellow members and visit new places.	Cruise Coordinator: TBD
July 2007		
11 Wednesday 1900: Social 1930: Meeting	All Hands' Meeting at Boat US Refreshments: Joe and Gail Jarocki. Meeting Topic: TBD	Clara Blanding Claralee@comcast.net
13-19 Thurs-Thurs	D5 Southbound Summer Cruise to D5 Rendezvous To Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, MD. Sponsored by Potomac River Squadron. Details in <i>Mark 5</i> newsletter or D5 Website	Potomac River Squadron P/C John Wilmot, JN 410-798-5102
19-22 Thurs- Sunday	D5 Summer Council and Rendezvous. Crisfield, MD	
25 Wednesday 1900-2100	Excom Meeting GMU Conference Room, Fairfax	Jay Nelson gjaynelson@aol.com
28 Saturday	NVSPS Potomac River Rendezvous and Lunch Join us by boat or car for a day and/or lunch on the Potomac River	Coordinator: TBD
August 2007		
Note: no monthly General Membership Meeting or Excom Meeting in August - summer break		

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Turn Left on S. Pickett

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