



22nd Annual National Capital Boat Show  
March 10-12, 2017



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### Scheduled Meetings:

Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS™ HQ facility at 1900. on the **second Wed of each month** except for the months of Aug and Dec. May and Oct mtgs will be combined with other events. Any changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron website.

### BoatUS Headquarters meeting location:

**880 South Pickett Street, Alexandria VA 22304**

From Capital Beltway, take the VA-613/ Van Dorn St exit # 173, towards Franconia. Turn left onto S. Van Dorn St / VA-613 North. Turn left onto S. Pickett St. Go less than .5 miles and turn in at first the BoatUS™ sign and go to the lighted parking lot in rear. Proceed to the entrance. Press buzzer on right to request entry.

- U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft delivered the **2017 State of the Coast Guard Address** March 16. For a transcript of the commandant's speech and a video of the State of the CG Address, please go to <http://www.overview.uscg.mil/CoastGuard2017>.
- Top Squadron Award was given to Minnetonka Power Squadron and Florida's District 22 was awarded "Top District" in February. For more: <https://goo.gl/uzHmrX>
- To review the history of USPS, see the 100th Anniversary issue of The Ensign, Winter 2014 available at <http://www.theensign.org/imag/winter2014/>
- NVSPS History Document of first 40 years is available at <http://nvsp.org/hist.shtml> May 7 anniversary event attendees will receive a 10 year update document.

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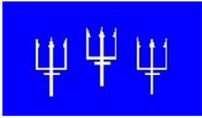
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## Commander Sends....

CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN

The end of my first term as Commander of our Squadron is here. And, my second term will soon begin. As I write this article (my last of the 2016-17 Bridge) I am feeling a sense of relief and also anticipation. The relief is from completing a year as your Commander, learning and executing all of the responsibilities that come with the office. The anticipation is that I will start my second year as your Commander with the knowledge and experience of the office from my first term. By the time this newsletter is published, our 50th Change of Watch will have taken place.

At the **Squadron's Annual Meeting on March 8th**, the Nominating Committee presented the slate for the 2017-18 Bridge. The membership in attendance elected the officers for next year along with approving the draft budget that was presented at the meeting. For our program, Lt/C Ed Phillips, AP gave an informative presentation of some of his most recent sailing trips. Ed also brought to the meeting the USPS Boating Skills Virtual Trainer which we had on display in our booth at the recent National Capital Boat Show in Chantilly.

Before our March meeting, we had the opportunity to help Matt Johnson of BoatUS with a process review of the company's phone system. Approximately eight members helped Matt to review the phone menus that are used to help customers understand the different products that are offered and to avoid customers being referred to the wrong department. We gave our comments and suggestions on what we thought would help in streamlining and prioritizing the phone menus for the benefit of BoatUS customers.

As I look back on this past year, I am surprised how fast it flew by. I was fortunate to have an experienced Bridge of Officers to serve with me this past year, and to have the entire Bridge decide to stay on to serve this next year. Many of the Past Commanders and Officers gave me advice and encouragement while I learned the Commander's position for which I am truly grateful.

Between this past year and the next year as Commander, I am also undertaking the USPS Navigation Course which I started back in September. District 5 coordinated the class out of the Rockville, MD Squadron for members of other squadron's to take. During my trip to Hawaii this past January, I took along my sextant to take (with Cindy's help) some of the required sightings needed for the course. I am a little behind in my studies but hope to catch up this spring and prepare to take the exam in the early part of this summer.



USPS District 5 Representative, P/D/C Jim Colston, AP with  
Commander Frederick D. Zugay, JN

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## Meeting Speaker

### April 12: Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Boating Safety Education with Mary Loose Deviney

Mary Loose Deviney, Regional Coordinator, Boating Safety Education, Virginia Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries (<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov>) will travel from her Richmond office to visit with our squadron.

Mary will share with us what's new at the DGIF for the year 2017. She will highlight the changes in Virginia's boating regulations and requirements for 2017 in her presentation and she will gladly answer questions from the membership.

Please come and welcome Mary back to NVSPS .

P/C Gale Alls, SN

### NVSPS Tour of U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle

If you love the sea and its history, sign up now for a **special NVSPS tour of the U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:00 am**. The *Eagle* will be docked at the Coast Guard Yard, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD.

Space is limited, so sign up early by emailing P/C Dick Durgin ([rjdurgin@aol.com](mailto:rjdurgin@aol.com)). **We must provide a list of tour participants to the CG Yard by April 1**. You will receive information about lunch options and last minute details by email.

Be sure to bring your photo ID, auto registration and insurance. Wear slacks and sturdy shoes. Carpooling is encouraged. At the gate you will be directed to park at Building 32. We will receive hard hats and safety instructions at the start of the tour.

Known as "America's Tall Ship," the *Eagle* is the only square-rigger in U.S. government service. The ship was built in 1936 in Germany and commissioned as *Horst Wessel*. At the close of World War II, it was taken as war reparation by the U.S. and recommissioned as the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle*. It will leave Baltimore on April 26 bound for New London to commence the 2017 cadet summer training program. For more: <http://www.cga.edu/eagle/>

**Directions to the USCG Yard, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD:** From I-95 or Rt. 295 North, turn right onto 695 (Baltimore Beltway) east for 5.4 miles to Exit 1. At the end of the off ramp, bear right. You will immediately come to an intersection with a traffic light (Hawkins Point Road). Bear right on Hawkins Point Road and continue 0.6 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left into the Coast Guard Yard. The gate guard will provide parking directions. If you have any questions, please call **P/C Gale Alls** who arranged this exceptional tour at 703-569-1511.



Photo courtesy of Sea Scout Ship 1942



## *Tour the Heavens with NVSPS*

***"THE VIEW THROUGH A TELESCOPE STIMULATES OUR IMAGINATION IN A WAY NOTHING ELSE CAN...IN THIS AGE OF OUTER SPACE TRAVEL, OUR FUTURE DEPENDS UPON AN APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CELESTIAL NEIGHBORS. THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE ON THIS SITE."*** --Charles H. Olin, founder of the Analemma Society

Sign up now for a special NVSPS tour of the Roll-Top Observatory and Observatory Park at the Turner Farm in Great Falls on **Monday evening, May 1, 2017, 8:00 pm** to 9:30 or 10:00 PM. We hope for a clear night to see many stars, but if it's cloudy or rainy, our makeup date will be May 3. If you would like to participate in this amazing tour, please notify P/C Gale Alls, [galeandev@aol.com](mailto:galeandev@aol.com) or 703-569-1511 so that he can notify you if our tour is postponed to May 3 or later due to weather.

The observatory houses four permanently mounted telescopes. For more information and photos of the Observatory and Observatory Park, go to the Analemma Society website, [www.analemma.org](http://www.analemma.org). Former NVSPS member, Charles Olin, is the founder of the Analemma Society and was instrumental in forming the partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority to raise funds and make the park a reality last year. The park is open to the general public every Friday night.

Turner Farm Park is at 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls, VA. The park is located on the east side of Springvale Road, south of the intersection with Route 193 (Georgetown Pike). The RATO (Remote Access Telescopic Observatory) and Roll-Top buildings are visible from the road.

Driving down Springvale Road from either direction, turn into the access road south of the buildings and fence and follow the road to the parking lot. Park in the lot and proceed to a pedestrian gate in the NW corner which will be marked with red lights and signs. Enter through the gate and follow the walkway up the hill to the Roll-Top which is the single level building. Enter through the gray door on the north side. The room with four telescopes is located on the south half of the building.

*Submitted by P/C Gale Alls, SN*

***The Star Calendar for April as Featured in The Ensign  
is also online at:  
<http://theensign.org/star-calendar-april-2017/>***



## Message from the Educational Officer

The **District 5 Spring Conference, March 30 – Apr 2** in Ocean City, MD, will have educational seminars. The offerings are posted on the D5 website: [www.USPSD5.org](http://www.USPSD5.org)

The second round of spring courses are finishing up: **Seamanship** and **Advanced Piloting**, instructed by P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP.

Our squadron thanks the staff at the St. George's Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA for hosting our courses in their classrooms for the Sea Scouts and public. Also thanks to P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP for his travel and classroom time on Saturday as well as answering student questions during the week.

**If you would like to take a particular course in the Fall, please email me with which courses would interest you.**

*Lt/C Ed Phillips, AP*  
NVSPS SEO  
[Education@nvsp.org](mailto:Education@nvsp.org)



Above: Sea Scouts try their skills on the Virtual Trainer, thanks to Ed Phillips arrangements and delivery to the President's Day Annual Sea Scout Training Weekend in Tabernacle, NJ.

### *USPS District 5 Spring Conference: 50 is Nifty in Ocean City, Maryland*



**The first 2017 event of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration** will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 31 at the District 5 Spring Conference. The NVSPS crew will open the doors of Suite 217 at the Princess Royale to all District 5 members for an evening of fun and festivity. Registration form and schedule are at <http://www.USPSD5.org> Use this best phone number for the Princess Royale hotel: 800-476-9253.

Our theme is **Nifty, Nifty – Look Who's 50!** There will be displays with photos and memorabilia from our 50 years of learning, serving and partying. There will be games and refreshments for everyone. Our hospitality suite is one of many sponsored by D5 squadrons. You are welcome to visit every one from 7:00 to 10:00 pm!

**The D5 Spring Conference is held from March 30 through April 2** at the Princess Royale Hotel, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. Attend workshops on topics of interest to all members, squadron affairs and resources, boating safety issues, CPR/first aid, and more.

**NVSPS's hospitality suite** will serve as a gathering place for our crew with refreshments available throughout the weekend and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. You are invited to bring an appetizer to share on Friday and Saturday evenings.

**So pack up your NVSPS polo shirt and join us for a great weekend in Ocean City.** Don't have a shirt? Go to <http://nvsp.qbstores.com> to shop for your favorite style and color in our online store. Or contact Dick Durgin (703-560-9106) for one of the few remaining navy polo shirts in inventory (men's size XL; women's LG, XL, XXL) @ \$10.00 each.

See you in Ocean City!  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

# 2017 NVSPS Spring Picnic

Saturday 20 May 2017, 11:00 to 16:00 hrs.

Fairfax Yacht Club, Fairfax, VA



Join us for good food and drinks. The Commander's locker will be open!  
This luncheon is combined with an abbreviated "All Hands" May meeting.



Vessel Safety Checks will be available.

To help defray expenses there is a \$5.00 charge for each member and guest, payable at door.

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please inform me what your favorite, appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert you will be bringing to share!

Appetizer/ Dish/ Dessert/ Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I can help with Setup \_\_\_ Cleanup \_\_\_

**Call in, mail or email form** to Mary-Jane Hinkins, 443 Indian Banks Rd, Farnham, VA 22460, 303.349.0106, or  
email: MJHinkins@msn.com

*Fairfax Yacht Club, 10721 Colchester Road Mason Neck, VA 22079, (703) 339-8736,*

*<http://www.fairfaxyachtclub.com/>*

**From the Beltway Driving South:** Drive south on I-95 from the Beltway and take the exit for Woodbridge via US Rt. 1 south. Turn left at Furnace Road, which is at the first traffic light. This is just prior to the Occoquan River Bridge.

**From the Beltway Driving North:** Drive north on I-95 and take the exit for Rte 123 to Woodbridge. Take Left on Route 1 North. Turn right at Furnace Road, at traffic light after crossing the Occoquan River Bridge.

After turning on Furnace Road:

Follow Furnace Road through the railroad underpass (Caution one car wide and a blind turn, sound your horn before entering). Continue about another 75-100 yards where Furnace Road bears to the left and joins Old Colchester Road. Do not bear to the left but proceed straight across. This is a private lane, which leads into the Fairfax Yacht Club. Follow this lane through the gate (it will be open) and park at any open space.

## May Birthdays!

Cole Smith	5
Matthew R. Fischer, P	9
P/Lt/C Steven D Hall, AP	15
P/C Alan R Hart, AP	16
Ronald F Bosco	20
Marcia E. Cram, P	21
Joan R Burg, S	22
Ethan James Phillips	26
P/Lt/C Glenn A. Fahey, P	28
Jean P. Durgin, AP	31
Ann Hall, S	31

## June Birthdays!

Dylan Rathjen	10
P/C Richard E Unis, JN	10
William R Benham	16
W Ben Fulton III, AP	17
Nicholas Koopaethes	21
P/C John Shivik, AP	26
P/C William M Russell III, S N	28



## April Boat Shows

### Bay Bridge Boat Show

April 21 – 23, 2017 | Stevensville, MD

### Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show

April 28 – 30, 2017 | City Dock, Annapolis, MD

### Cruisers University

April 27-30, 2017 | Annapolis, MD

Naval Academy Club

at the United States Naval Academy

## Boating Education Classes

### Ask for What you Want!

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*2017 General Meetings*    June 14    Oct 14 at Oktoberfest  
April 12                            July 12    Nov 8  
May 20 at Spring Picnic    Sept 13



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*The May 2017 newsletter  
will feature photos from  
the first NVSPS  
Change of Watch*

**May 2017 Newsletter  
deadline is April 9  
Then it goes back to  
15th of the month.**

## Get a Free Vessel Safety Check for your boat

Northern Virginia

Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN  
at 703-777-8378 or at [skipperunis@gmail.com](mailto:skipperunis@gmail.com).



## Sea Scouts, BSA



is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women ages 14 to 21. For over 100 years Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

[www.SeaScout.org](http://www.SeaScout.org)

For Northern Virginia Ship 1942,  
contact Skipper Tom Ballew, [TBallew@cox.net](mailto:TBallew@cox.net)  
Boat Donations Welcome!

## Shop NVSPS Ship's Store online

Use links on  
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or

For shirts & hats:  
<http://nvsp.qbstores.com>

For name tags:  
<https://cpdean.com/product/name-tags/>

*Celebrate 50 Years!*



*Order Form page 7*

## *Boating Safety Spring 2017 - Inspecting Your Safety Equipment*

We're nearly into spring which means that its time to don the flip flops and burn the socks, Winter is over. It also means that we're only two months out from **National Safe Boating Week, 20-26 May 2017**. It goes without saying that in order to be safe on the water, we need to insure that our equipment is up to par. This includes dock and anchor lines, all fuel systems, all electric systems, all lighting systems, all communications systems, any navigation systems and last but certainly not least personal safety devices including personal flotation devices. For basic **floatation devices**, we are all able to check visually for the obvious rips and tears that eventually come with an aging flotation device. What is more difficult to check are the inflatable life jackets! This is a case where hidden defects, largely unobservable, can kill you. As these devices hold air in a bladder, the bladder could develop a leak. For self-inflating modules, the CO2 cartridge may be improperly installed or dead and unable to inflate the device.

**At least twice each year**, owners should get a copy of the manufacturer's maintenance manual and follow the prescribed inspection and maintenance procedures. Prior to each event, check the service indicator to ensure it is green and not red. Red would indicate that the unit had been fired or incorrectly fitted. Check for visible signs of wear or damage by ensuring that there are no rips, tears or holes; that seams are securely sewn; and that the fabric, straps and hardware are still strong.

For auto-inflating life jackets, ensure inflating mechanisms are armed and the CO2 cylinders not expired. Examine the oral inflation tube. Check that the CO2 cylinder is firmly secured and not rusted or corroded. If you remove the CO2 cylinder for inspection, be sure to carefully replace it without over-tightening.

When finished inspecting, repack the life jacket per manufacturer's instructions. Ensure the pull-tab lanyard is accessible and unlikely to be caught when being worn.

### **Functional testing**

Inflate the bladder using the oral tube and leave it overnight in a room with a constant temperature. If the bladder loses pressure, take the lifejacket to an authorized service center for further tests. Do not attempt to repair a life jacket yourself. If there is no obvious loss of pressure, deflate the life jacket by turning the cap of the inflation tube upside down and pressing it into the inflation tube. Gently squeeze the inflatable life jacket until all air has been expelled. To avoid damage do not wring or twist the life jacket.

Repack the life jacket as per manufacturer's instructions. Ensure the pull-tab lanyard is accessible and unlikely to be inadvertently snagged when being worn.

**Store your life jacket in a dry, well-ventilated location** away from dampness and out of direct sunlight. Rinse your life jacket with fresh water if you've used it in salt water and dry it thoroughly prior to storage. If your life jacket is set for auto-inflation, remove the auto-inflation cartridge prior to rinsing.

Happy and Safe Boating!

Submitted by  
**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
Lt/C Sean Gallagher, JN

***NVSPS 50th Anniversary Event Attendees will receive a booklet reviewing the squadron's last 10 years . Read or download the first 40 years history booklet at [nvsp.org](http://nvsp.org)***



## Message from the Treasurer

### Treasurers Report and Budget for FY 2017-2018

There were some math errors in the budget I passed out at the Members Meeting on Wednesday 3/8/17 which were in our favor. Instead of being in the red \$5000.00, we are actually in the red by \$2730.00 which will be covered by our existing checking account balance and the \$2000.00 Wounded Warrior fund which the membership voted to be used for our budget shortfall. Reasons for the shortfall are reduced revenue from declining membership and higher expenses.

Our Checking Account balance as of 3/8/17 is \$4278.00. I will have a report next month including savings account and CD balances.

The Bridge has authorized me to research changing our bank from Cardinal Bank to BB&T. More on that next time.

Respectfully Submitted: Lt/C Dave Hinkins, S

**Past Commander Gale Alls, SN has earned 50 merit marks and on 25 Feb 2017, he became a Member of the Governing Board, Emeritus, of United States Power Squadrons. Gale is one of only three of the original 80 charter members who are still Active Members of Northern Virginia. Think about what that means. For 50 consecutive years, Gale has worked and contributed toward the goals and activities of our squadron. Yes, he has also been active on the**



**district and national levels, but he has always done enough for our squadron every year to earn a merit mark. With the help and support of his wife, Evelyn, he has served in many elected and appointed positions, including that of Squadron Commander, while leading and encouraging many of the rest of us.**

**For all you have done for us and for our squadron, THANK YOU, GALE! WELL DONE!**

Respectfully submitted, P/C Alan Hart, AP



## Message from the Secretary



View of our creek at low tide with winds from northwest.  
How low it can go!

I can hardly believe, as I write this, that Spring is 6-Days away. The wind is blowing at a great clip (about 25 knots) burr! The creek is following in and out and we have had tide changes of 3 feet daily for a while. Dave and I checked on L. Stanley Sunday and other than being cold the cover is holding strong. Wish Spring would arrive early. We should perform quite a few maintenance and repairs this year, as well as sand, paint, and wax. Dave must fix the hatch motor and do some repairs to the fuel system. It never ends. Even when the fun is just around the corner.

By the time this newsletter goes to press, the Change of Watch will have happened and the Spring Conference in Ocean City will be near. Please come on down to

Ocean City and join us for the spring conference. This is always a great event. Whether you can spend Friday – Sunday or just one day there is much to do, learn and see. We will be in our hospitality suite# 217.

Then in May 7, we will hold our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. Watch for an invitation in the mail. May 20 is our Spring Picnic at Fairfax Yacht Club. See flyer in this newsletter. This is a good time to show off your cooking skills (or maybe just your purchasing skills either one will be relished by all) . There will again be Vessel Safety checks. Contact Rich Unis for additional information and hours for the VSCs.

September Dave and I hope to hold Day at the Creek III. We will have more detail as it gets closer, but for now hold open the September 9<sup>th</sup> please. October will bring Oktoberfest and December will be our fabulous holiday party. So plenty to do. Come along to any or all our events. We miss not seeing you there!

### **Just for the fun of it here are some weird boating terms – Just a few from Wikipedia**

**Scuttlebutt** -- A cast on a ship containing the vessels' drinking water. Water was traditionally stored in a small barrel, the so called "butt" which had been scuttled had a hole in it so water could be accessed. The ship's crew often gathered around it to gossip -- thus Scuttlebutt.

**Widow-maker** – The long pole extending from the bow used by the crew to tend the sails. It was treacherous and it earned its name because of the many sailors who lost their lives falling from it.

**Escutcheon** – the place on the stern of the boat where the ships name is written.

**Cat-Head** – A large wooden beam that extends from the vessel at a 45-degree angle and is used to assist in raising and lowering the anchor. Many cat-heads had faces of lions or cats carved into them. It is not known if that is what gave the beam its name or if the cat heads came along later.

**Barrelman** – A sailor that was stationed in the crow's nest.

**By the Board** – Anything that has gone overboard.

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## From the Vessel Safety Check Chair



The US Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary and the USPS have certified Vessel Examiners (VEs) who provide courtesy safety checks to mariners to ensure required safety equipment is onboard and in operational condition. VEs also discuss safe boating practices while conducting the checks to ensure boaters are well prepared and informed of their responsibilities. Those boaters who meet all of the requirements are awarded a VSC decal, which is good throughout the calendar year.

**We can conduct far more VSCs this year and help make the local waters safer but we need you!**

Please let me know if you would like to become a VE. Words can't describe how much fun I had last year in meeting other boaters. You never know when your efforts just might save a life. Besides safety that, it's a great opportunity to share the merits of NVSPS and USPS with local boaters. Come join the program! For more information see the March 2017 newsletter.

Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN at 703-777-8378 or at [skipperunis@gmail.com](mailto:skipperunis@gmail.com).

### *Commander Message Continued from page 3*

Looking ahead, the **District 5 Spring Conference** is coming up in Ocean City, MD (3/31 – 4/2). I am looking forward to attending my first D5 event since I was unable to attend last year's conference. At the conference we will be highlighting our Squadron's 50<sup>th</sup> year. In talking with P/C Gale Alls, SN and P/C Alan Hart, AP about their recent trip to the National Convention in Florida, makes me also want to someday attend that event.

A new year is upon us. We have again reserved the Fairfax Yacht Club facility for our **Spring Picnic on May 20<sup>th</sup>** and our **Oktoberfest Picnic on October 14<sup>th</sup>**. Our VSC Inspectors will provide inspections on those dates. A trip is planned on April 8<sup>th</sup> to Baltimore, MD to tour the **USCG Eagle sailing ship**. The Holiday Party in December will again be held at P. J. Skidoo's. But the most important event is our **Squadron's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. Please be on the lookout for your invitation and hopefully send a positive RSVP to attend.

Thank you, and welcome to our 50<sup>th</sup> year!

**CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN**  
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**By and large** – (did not know this was a boating term) 'By' means into the wind, while 'Large' means with the wind. "By and Large" is used to indicate all possible situations. "The ship handles well both by and large". – who knew.

**Camels** – "Loaded vessels lashed tightly, one on each side of another vessel, and then emptied to provide additional buoyance that reduces the draught of the ship in the middle."

**Caboose** – A small ships kitchen or galley on deck.

**Bumpkin or Boomkin** – A spar which projects from the stern. May be used to attach the backstay or mizzen sheets.

**Bumboat** - A private boat selling goods.

**Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins**  
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## Meaning of NVSPS Burgee Design

In 1967, our new squadron invited members to submit designs for its burgee. The design chosen was created by Nancy Redfearn, wife of the Executive Officer, and was approved in September 1967.

The burgee reflects the squadron's origin and geographic location. The blue herringbone stripes and red field simulate Potomac River Power Squadron's pennant, the squadron from which it came.

The Dogwood blossom represents Virginia's state flower and led to the nickname "The Flower Power Squadron." The four petals represent the four primary areas served: Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William Counties.

The burgee is symmetrical and cannot be flown upside down.

The burgee design was approved by the USPS Etiquette Committee at the Governing Board meeting in San Francisco, CA in September 1967.

— excerpt from *Celebrating the Journey 1967—2007*

## New 50th Anniversary NVSPS Burgee

Orders are now being taken for the **NEW** NVSPS Burgee. A gold band along each side of the fly recognizes the squadron as a fifty year old squadron in the United States Power Squadrons. The official anniversary date will be May 14, 2017.

In honor of this accomplishment, the squadron will take orders for the new burgees to be delivered in early 2017 at the Squadron function. If mailed an additional charge will be added.

Size	Price
10" X 15"	\$24.00 ea
12" X 18"	\$26.75 ea
14" X 21"	\$27.50 ea



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## *Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron*

*Cordially invites you to its*

### *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

*On Sunday, May 7, 2017*

*12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.*

*At Springfield Golf & Country Club*

*8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, Virginia 22152*



- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Social Hour, Appetizers, Cash Bar  
1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Commander's Welcome  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Buffet Banquet: Field Greens with Almonds & Dried Cranberries  
Chicken Florentine with Brandy Cream Sauce, Chef Francesco's Beef Bourguignon  
Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Warm Rolls and Butter  
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2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Socializing, Cash Bar, Exhibits of Squadron History, Memory Sharing

*Uniform, business or party attire.*

*For directions, visit their website at [www.sgccva.org](http://www.sgccva.org). Handicapped parking is available on the first level in front of the clubhouse.*

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#### **Response Card** (cut and return)

Cost for each person attending is **\$40.00** and will include an updated Book to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book, covering the last 10 years.

Members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is a check payable to NVSPS for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ attendees.

Please mail this response card back to P/C Gale Allis, SN, 7800 Braemar Way, Springfield, VA 22153 by 30 April, 2017.  
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