



# of TARS & TERNS



14 Commanders of NVSPS attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration.  
 (L to R) Dick Durgin, George Nartsissov, John Karjala, Francis Williamson, Paula Bailey, Jay Nelson, Fred Zugay, Bob Fitton, Gale Alls, Bill Henderson, Bill Eldridge, Jere Dando and Alan Hart.  
 All are Past Commanders except Fred Zugay who is the Commander. Not pictured: Mike Foster

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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. and 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.

**The Ship's Store at nvsp.org is where you can order NVSPS logo clothing, name tags and burgees, including the new 50th anniversary burgee.**

- **Correction** - May 2017 of Tars & Terns cover page: The caption under the photograph of NVSPS Past Commanders incorrectly identified P/C John Shivik, AP as P/D/C Jim Colston. Our apologies to John and Jim.
- The **July/August newsletter deadline** will be moved to June 11. Please contact the editor with any concerns. The September issue deadline will be August 15.

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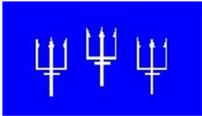
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## Commander Sends....

CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN

A Grand Event! On Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, our Squadron celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This well attended celebration included 13 Past Commanders of Northern Virginia, the Past Commander of Smith Mountain Lake, the current Commander of Wilmington, and a Past Commander of District 5. Representing District 5 was the current Commander, C. M. Kohlenberg, AP from Maryland and representing our current National Chief Commander was Past Chief Commander Ernest Marshburn, SN from North Carolina.

P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP served as our Master of Ceremonies providing some Squadron history and introductions, and P/C Alan Hart, AP gave the Invocation. The venue was impressive with beautiful golf course views along with the great service of its staff. The Squadron presented displays showing its history and past events attended. The food was delicious but most importantly was the fellowship with everyone enjoying each other's company.

I would like to again thank P/Lt C Sue Karjala, P for her work as the Anniversary Committee Chair along with all of the other committee members. Planning started a year out from the event and from the comments I heard, it was well worth the effort.

The Lazear's are back home in Virginia. Walt and Manette were finally able to leave Florida with Manette's improving health. Please continue to keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.

Our boat, "Potomac Pleasure" has been de-winterized but, we have not yet taken her out this season. Cindy and I have made a goal to boat as much as we can this year and to take more trips to the southern area of the Potomac River from our home port on the Occoquan River. Now we just need to start having some better weather during the weekends to accomplish our goal.

If you have not attended a Squadron event or meeting in a while please consider attending one. We would like to catch up with you and if needed, provide any boating pointers or information.

Thank you, and please stay safe on the water.

**CDR Frederick D. Zugay, JN**

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Past Chief Commander Earnie Marshburn, presenting USPS 50th Year Certificate of Recognition to Commander Zugay

### June

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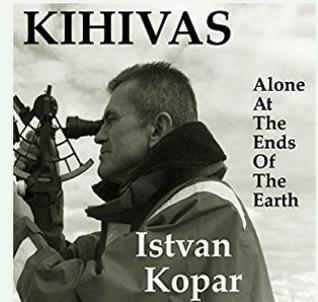
***BIRTHDAYS!***



## Evening Meeting Speakers

### June 14: Follow Golden Globe Racer Istvan Kopar

Presented by Claire Wyngaard. On June 16, 2018, American Istvan Kopar will join 29 other entrants in the Golden Globe Race around the world, non-stop, alone, without assistance. This 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary GGR brings special challenges by the requirement for all entrants to use equipment only as was available in 1968, 50 years ago. Let's encourage and follow him on his journey on [www.KoparSailing.com](http://www.KoparSailing.com)



Istvan Kopar, from Hungary, traveled the world, with the merchant marine. USCG licensed commercial captain Kopar has worked as a naval officer, an operational manager of the biggest vessel recovery company in the U.S. He has taught at Sea School, Fort Lauderdale, and is an instructor trainer for U.S. Sailing. His solo one-stop circumnavigation of the globe, 1990-1991 for which he built his own boat, *Salambo*, is the subject of his first book, *Kihivas* ("The Challenge"). His books will be available for sale at the meeting.

### July 12: How to Get Started in Scuba

Presented by Rob Currer of Patriot Scuba of Occoquan, Virginia. How to get started in scuba diving. This lifetime sport can take your boating farther and explore new worlds. They have classes for all levels and kinds of diving. See their beautiful website at [www.PatriotScuba.com](http://www.PatriotScuba.com). They have a Not-For-Profit Corporation, Patriots For Disabled Divers, dedicated to bringing the joy and therapeutic benefits of scuba diving to people with disabilities worldwide. Visit [www.PatriotsForDisabledDivers.org](http://www.PatriotsForDisabledDivers.org).

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Submitted by Lt Claire Wyngaard

## 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!** For more information see the March 2017 newsletter or contact me.

The USPS Boater Safety Committee requests general members assist their VE during **National Boating Safety Week, May 20-26, 2017**, bringing a great opportunity to learn about Vessel Exams and meet boaters.

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



## Message from the Educational Officer

It was certainly an honor to participate in the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet and celebration. I am amazed at the achievements, but most importantly, the friendships and memories that have been built over those 50 years. It is not just a number, or a gold border on our burgee, but what those friendships have influenced in boating and sailing over those 50 years. We have no way of ever knowing; just consider for a few moments the accidents that have been prevented by the education provided by those friends who make up the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron. The fact is astounding to me; I am sure it is many.

On Sunday, May 8, 2017, a change occurred. The first 50 years have been successfully completed and a new 50 years has begun. There is much to consider in this fact. I am sure on May 8, 1977 many members were wondering what the next years would bring. I am sure the topic was discussed at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 8, 1983. For us now on May 8, 2017, we are wondering the same thing, but for us the world has changed drastically.

In order for us to remain productive like our fore runners, we have to change drastically along with the world. The most obvious thing we can do is to offer **on the water training**. I received more requests than ever before about on the water training. It seems people can do most of the classroom work online, but they still need an instructor and boating experience for the actual application of their knowledge on a boat.

I have attended many District 5 On The Water (OTW) training seminars and I still don't understand it well because the rules and procedures are complicated. **I am looking for some help getting OTW training splashed within NVSPS.** Every United States Power Squadron (USPS®) class now has an OTW syllabus associated with it. Our squadron membership would benefit from adding the OTW lessons to our classes.

Is there anyone interested in starting the next 50 years productively? Please let me know if you do have an interest in helping.

*Fair Winds and Cool Breezes!*

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Ed Phillips and Sean Gallagher, 50th Anniversary Celebration

## 2017 National Flagship and Flagship Fleet Recognitions



**SSS Dragonlady Ship 1942 was recognized as part of the 2017 National Flagship Fleet**

**Ship 100, SSS Dominion of the National Capital Area Council, Ashcroft, Virginia,  
Has been named 2017 National Flagship**

**Because of their submission and the great program offered, SSS Dragonlady Ship 1942  
was recognized as a part of the 2017 National Flagship Fleet.**

The 2017 Fleet includes:

- \* SSS Charles N. Curtis Ship 110, Pacific Harbors Council, Tacoma, Washington
- \* SSS Response Ship 911, Capitol Area Council, Austin, Texas
- \* SSS Dragonlady Ship 1942, National Capital Area Council, Arlington, Virginia
- \* SSS Decisive Ship 5011, Aloha Council, Kauai, Hawaii

Ship 1942 has been named into the "Flagship Fleet" for the 4th time, and so keep the 4th Star on the unit's flag, earning our 6<sup>th</sup> four star flag. Here's our Ship 1942 record of accomplishment:

2007 National Flagship  
2012 Flagship Fleet  
2014 National Flagship  
2015 Flagship Fleet  
2016 Flagship Fleet  
2017 Flagship Fleet

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## Executive Officer Message

### An Ounce of Prevention and Hurricane Season 2017

By the time you read this, we will have officially exited National Safe Boating Week and entered into the **2017 Hurricane Season** so let's buckle up. While all the marinas should have a hurricane plan, it doesn't hurt to review it to determine how much protection they may be able to allocate to your boat and how much of the effort is focused on protecting the facilities of the marina. Once you determine what your liabilities may be, you'll need to build your own personal hurricane plan.

Depending on the size of the storm, the track and future forecasts, you should be able to assess whether to pull your boat back to dry land or weather the storm in the slip or at your mooring. Again, depending on all the variables associated with the storm system, it is important that you **allow sufficient time to execute your plan**. It would be very sad to have the perfect plan but not allow enough time to carry it out.

As part of your plan, **review your insurance policy**. Many policies will pay some or all the cost of a pre-storm haul out for a named hurricane. In establishing your personal plan, review the public domain information available on hurricane preparations. Several organizations including NOAA and the National Weather Service (<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/marine/safeboating/week.shtml>) as well as BoatUS (<http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes/>) have put together some information on hurricane preparedness which will help you build your plan. Lastly, once you build your plan, it's a good idea to **share your plan**. First, so that others will know what you plan to do in the event of heavy weather and second, so that you can educate others and encourage them on to develop their own plan. Stay safe out there.

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The Ship 1942's 40 plus adult registered leaders are extremely passionate about what our program accomplishes because of our teen's many successes. Every one of those adults is fully trained in their positions of responsibility, but those adults themselves continue to further their personal on-the-water seamanship by taking advanced winter Power Squadron Courses, Sea Badge, Sea Badge Underway, and even becoming license Coast Guard charter Captains. Why do they do it? Because they can then deliver a better "program" to our teen youth. We couldn't ask for a better Charter Organization (sponsor) than ours - St. Georges Episcopal Church of Arlington, Virginia. The Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron just keeps on delivering the smartest teenagers on the Bay. All our adult payback is watching you teenagers mature and grow in the country's next generation of leaders.

Bravo Zulu - Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' Dragonlady as you all continue to write out our Sea Scouting History in our second century and perform 'Above and Beyond' any other Ship in our entire past 105-years of Sea Scouting. All your Skipper has ever asked of you is more "ice" for his "iced tea" during our long cruises....it looks like you delivered enough to form a complete Iceberg. Skipper is very proud of all of your efforts!

*Don't Give up the Ship,*  
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## Message from the Secretary

What a wonderful time Dave and I had at the NVSPS 50<sup>th</sup>! This has been a very special year for the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron. It is all due to the wonderful people who are part of the NVSPS and who are active. Thank you all! There were well over 50 people in attendance. Many from far away.

Texas, Florida, Montana. How wonderful it was to see so many Past commanders! We were lucky enough to have P/C Bob Fitton and his wife Lindalee, P/C Paula Bailey and her husband Joel, P/R/C Bill Eldridge and his wife Kathryn, P/C Karl H. R. Hellinger, P/C William Henderson, P/C Michael Foster and Dickie, P/C John Karjala and his wife Sue, P/C Gale Alls and his wife Evelyn, P/C Alan Hart and his wife Mary, P/C Richard Durgin and his wife Jean, P/C George Nartsissov and his wife Ann, P/C Jere Dando and his wife Nancy, P/C G. Jay Nelson and his wife Chris Vasko, P/C Francis Williamson and his wife Georgia.

Also in attendance were guests from National and two from the District! From D-5 we had C. M. Kohlenberg and his wife, Judy, and also P/D/C James Colston and his wife Maryellen, and also P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, it was also good to see Lt/C Kim Chu and his wife Ying, Lt/C Gallagher, the Willis, Jean Miffin, Barbara Matheson, Tom Martin, William and Jackie Hogue, Charles Hurley and Mercedes Olivieri, I hope I did not miss anyone!

And the very special committee who put this all together! Sue Karjala and the Committee really outdid themselves. Such organization! And how awesome were especially our Cdr Fred Zugay and his wife, Cindy! Jean Durgin had wonderful display of the history of the Squadron. Evelyn Alls has kept all the ornaments made by the first ladies of the Squadron throughout our history. And each one in such good shape. Such talent.

There were mementos to take home: Squadron glass and a history book. They all worked so hard. Thanks to Cathy Sheffield and Claire Wyngaard who put in so many hours as part of the Committee to make it a day to remember.

Please come to the meetings and events. Claire and Gale Alls have planned presentations! We have such a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone for making this year so special. Let's do it again before the next 50!



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See pictures on page 10 and 11  
And more at [www.nvsp.org](http://www.nvsp.org)

## VSEs—Test Your Mustang Life Jacket

Taken from report by Stf/C Allan. B. Furtado, SN - National Safety Committee

Please examine and test your Mustang Inflatable life jacket every 2 to 3 months. We have found a few jackets that won't hold air. If one of these is found I suggest that it be destroyed and disposed of because the total life expectancy is only 10 years.

Here is how to test it. Open it up along the Velcro seams as shown in Figure 1 until it looks like figure 2. Then remove the cap on the oral inflation tube (shown in figure 2) and inflate the Life Jacket orally.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Then keep the jacket inflated overnight. If it fails to hold air all night it is defective. If it holds air ok, then reverse the oral inflation cap and compress the jacket to remove all of the air. Once deflated, replace the cap to its original position and fold the sides back and press the Velcro seams to hold the jacket together.

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NVSPS 50th Anniversary Celebration Photos



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