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We are planning the Fall and Winter seminar schedule at West Marine. **If you have interest in teaching a seminar on any the following topics, contact SEO.**

Using GPS, Knots, Bends and Hitches, Marine Radar, Anchoring, Paddling safety, Weather



Rich Unis in his Wood Duck 12 Kayak he built this summer. Rich plans to show how he made it at one of our Membership meetings

November

- 3 America's Boating Course and next 2 Saturdays. Arlington, VA See p. 4
- 9-11 Towne Bank Norfolk In-Water Boat Show
- 14 **General Membership Meeting.**
New Location: Los Tios Grill, 241 S. Van Dorn St. Alexandria, VA. Arrive and order food between 7:00 and 7:30 pm. Mtg at 7:30
- 28 Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00 pm
George Mason Reg Fairfax County Library

December

No meetings

Look for lighted boat parades in the region.

January 2019

- 5 **Holiday Party**—Springfield Golf and Country Club, 1800. www.sgccva.org
- 9 General Membership Meeting.
- 23 Executive Committee Meeting
- 24-27 Progressive Baltimore Boat Show, Baltimore Convention Center.
www.BaltimoreBoatShow.com

More: <http://www.nvsps.org/docs/calendar.pdf>

Read this newsletter online at

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November Meeting Location Only:

**Los Tios Grill Restaurant in the glass room.
241 S. Van Dorn St. Alexandria. VA
www.lostiosgrill.com. The meeting location
may be different in January.**

Wed. evening Gen Memb mtgs begin at 1930 on the
2nd Wed of each month *except no mtgs in Aug. and
Dec.*

*The May and Oct mtgs are combined with other events
on diff days. Social Time 1900-1930.* Changes will be
posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron website.

Executive Committee Meetings begin at 1900. George
Mason Reg Fairfax Co Library. 7001 Little River Tpk,
Annandale, VA 22003

P/C Gale Alls and P/C Dick Durgin are on the lookout for
new **interesting and educational** places to visit. Call
Gale at 703-569-1511 or Dick at 703-560-9106 with
ideas!

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Message from the Executive Officer



Greetings from the helm! I hope you all have had a safe and somewhat enjoyable summer boating season despite the rain and massive tides. Perhaps you could share some of the more interesting boating highlights from this season with the membership.

I want to understand how we can improve our Squadron's mission areas of education and safety as well as develop more on-the-water social activities. In the primary mission areas we are doing pretty well teaching the basic courses however I don't see many requests for advanced courses like marine electronics, weather and solar or stellar navigation. Given the high caliber of the courses and instructors we have available to us, combined with the low cost, I wonder why this is so. To keep the Squadron going, we will need to train additional instructors. Being an instructor is not difficult and is very rewarding when you see the students beginning to grasp new information and concepts. The Vessel Safety Certificate inspections reward you each time you uncover some potentially dangerous condition on someone's boat and are able to advise the owner on the best course of action to take in correcting the situation and potentially saving real lives (more on page 4).

Please tell me if you are interested, even if you don't know where you'll find the time yet. Contact me at XO@nvsp.org. We also have some Bridge, Committee and Member at Large positions that we'll need to fill in the Spring. If you have questions on how you can help keep the squadron going, please email or call me at the number on page 2.

As communications are always key in any organization, please visit our website regularly for the events schedule and this online newsletter. On that site, you will also see links to our Facebook page, which is an ideal place to comment with photos that you want to share with the membership.

I hope to see you at our meetings and to setup more on-the-water "rendezvous" for both day trips and overnights but first we'll need to establish where all the member boats are being kept. Between boats? No problem, you can ride with those of us that have boats or you can drive your own vehicle if the event is an overnight trip. Please send me your ideas. As a suggestion, one of my favorite places to go given that I boat in the Potomac River continues to be Colonial Beach where there are rooms available with boat slips and golf cart rental to get you to the watering holes around town. It's like being transported back into the 60's! A great Friday to Sunday trip!

At your service,

*LT/C Sean Gallagher, JN
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Member at Large Opening—Looking for someone who is interested in shaping the future of the squadron and can attend most Executive Committee Meetings and General Membership Meetings. Contact Sean Gallagher or Alan Hart.





Message from the Educational Officer

America's Boating Course - Boating Safety (ABC-3)

Saturdays November 3, 10, and 17, mornings, 4 hours per day
at St. George's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA
Open to the public, USPS members, Sea Scouts. \$50

Recognized by VA and MD, satisfying their state boat safety requirements,
results in nationally recognized certificate and wallet card. Course content info:
<http://www.americasboatingcourse.com/>

Contact Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP, seo@nvsp.org, to register.



From the Vessel Safety Check Chair P/C Rich Unis, JN

The VSC program is a very important ongoing public service effort sponsored by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadrons and BoatUS. Qualified Vessel Examiners (VEs) from both organizations provide courtesy safety checks to mariners to ensure required safety equipment is aboard and in operational condition. In addition, the VEs discuss safe boating practices while conducting their reviews to ensure boaters are well informed of their

responsibilities. Most importantly, VEs award the VSC decal to boat owners whose vessels meet the minimum safety requirements. The decals are affixed to the port side of a boat in plain view of marine law enforcement personnel (US Coast Guard and Auxiliary personnel, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Officers and Maryland Department of Natural Resource Police, etc). Merely having the decal won't guarantee a vessel won't be stopped and boarded but it does send a message to the boating law enforcement personnel and the public that the boat owner is conscientious and took the time to ensure they had the proper safety equipment on board. It's still up to the boat owner/operator to comply with boating laws and regulations.

We could conduct far more VSCs but we need more VEs. If you would like to become a VE, please let me know. You will need to study the VSC manual and take a quick certification exam, then conduct five VSCs in the presence of a qualified VE before becoming certified and able to conduct them on your own. It's not overly difficult and it's a lot of fun. I particularly enjoy meeting other boaters and assisting them to ensure their vessel contains all of the required safety equipment in order to meet the requirements to be awarded the VSC decal. You never know when your efforts just might save a life. Besides that, it's a great learning experience. I have already learned a lot about various vessels. Come join the program!

Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN at 703-777-8378 or at skipperunis@gmail.com

Congratulations to David O'Malie! 25 Years as Member



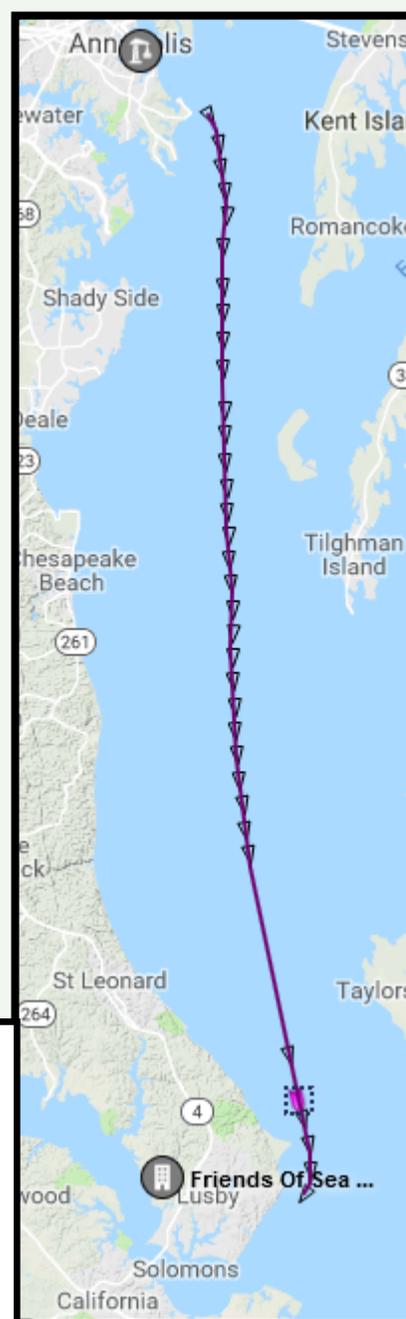
Members and guests enjoyed good food and company at Northern Virginia's annual **Oktoberfest** on Oct.13 at Fairfax Yacht Club. Member David O'Malie (right) was presented with his 25-year membership pin by Executive Officer, Lt Cdr Sean Gallagher, JN.

At press time, The Golden Globe Race has 6 competitor sailors remaining from the original 18. The race, started July 1 and will take approx. 10 months. Watch day to day progress at www.GoldenGlobeRace.com. Our only remaining American Istvan Kopar is still going strong.

Member, Ben Fulton is on his way south again.

He wrote:

Here is proof my new AIS is working (screenshot on right) AND I departed Annapolis 9/29/18 heading South hopefully to the Bahamas. Will be in Solomons a few days for last minute shopping and boat maintenance and short haul. >>>>



Sea Scout Ship 1942 Autumn 2018 Update

Photos and notes by Mike Taylor, Mate, Ship 1942



Washed, waxed, taped, and painted *Friendly* and *Reverent*. A day that started with the threat of rain turned slowly into a "Bluebird Day"! Thanks to Capt Davis, Capt Eigel, and Myles Gallagher for demonstrating the right techniques and to our hard working scouts: Joe Tefera, Cameron Headke, Cole Smith, Elijah Devine, Ethan Coit, and Logan Hyslop for making it happen.

For more about Sea Scouting see www.seascout1942.com.

The Sea Scout Ship 1942 is looking for a Sailrite Sewing Machine

To repair sails and canvas.

(see Sailrite site for what we mean, <https://www.sailrite.com/>)

Donations: Contact Mike Taylor, mlftaylor@att.net



**Northern Virginia
Sail & Power Squadron**
invites you to sail into the new year
at our



FESTIVE HOLIDAY PARTY!

**On Saturday, January 5, 2019
6:00 to 10:00 pm**

Springfield Golf & Country Club
8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, Virginia
Driving directions at www.sgccva.org



Bring your friends and family
for an evening of music & fun,
cash bar & a delicious buffet dinner
Everyone is welcome!



---- Response Card ----

Members attending: _____

Guests attending: _____

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Enclosed check payable to NVSPS for \$_____ for _____ attendees

Please mail this response card with check to P/C Gale Alls, SN,
7800 Braemar Way, Springfield, VA 22153
by December 20, 2018. For information,
contact Gale at 703-569-1511 or
galeandev@aol.com



Big News from the Sea Scout Ship 1942.

The ship has obtained a refurbished equipment trailer and painted it to show how proud they are of the awards they have earned.

It's great for taking equipment to their two boat locations, Washington Sailing Marina and the Solomons, MD fleet and....



- transporting their large tent for ground training, camping
- transporting Scouts gear for camping trips, Camp Able, and Life Guard Camp
- Movement of heavy cooking gear and other supplies to major training events, freeing up room in cars for carrying maximum number of Scouts



Find Your Holiday Gifts at the NVSPS Ship's Store

Our online Ship's Store at our website <http://nvspqstores.com> offers shirts, jackets, totebags, and hats with our 50th anniversary gold bordered burgee. Watch for sales. Burgees can be ordered from P/C Gale Alls, galeandev@aol.com.

Boat Under	Burgee Size	Price
20'	10" X 15"	\$24.00 ea
30'	12" X 18"	\$26.75 ea
40'	14" X 21"	\$27.50 ea

Nametags can be ordered from <https://cpdean.com> or by calling 804-355-6588.

Pin, clutch or magnet backing available.

Also <http://www.USPS.org> Ship's store, find safety equipment, mugs, pins and more.



View from the dock at Horn Point Harbor Marina in Annapolis, MD on September 28. Gift from Rich Unis

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Has videos on their websites: <http://cbmm.org/about/videos/>

Calendar of Events: <http://cbmm.org/events/annual-festivals-and-special-events/>

Boat Donation and Sales Program: See boats for sale here:

<http://cbmm.org/support/boat-donation-program/> and a Speaker Series.

Edna Lockwood Hull Restoration is Finished. **Relaunch planned Oct 27, 2018!**

Read about it here:

<http://www.ednalockwood.org/progress-1/2018/9/24/edna-lockwood-restoration-to-finish-this-fall>

Located in St. Michaels, Maryland



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**Boating Safety Course Starts November 3
 Next Wednesday Membership Meeting is November 14**

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