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Visit USPS Headquarters During the Fall 2020 Governing Board Meeting, Raleigh, NC

The 2020 Fall USPS National Governing Board will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina (September 8-13). Meet the staff and tour the headquarters building, including library and boardroom, warehouse, shipping center and the various offices. Other tours and events include a Kayaking Trip, Tour of Raleigh, Afternoon Tea, Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, NC History and Science museum visits and local IPA beer tasting. Check out the meeting website for more details. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39 Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours! Special gifts for First Time national meeting attendees will be given.



2020 Fall Governing Board
Raleigh, North Carolina

Check the nvsp.org website for last minute schedule changes or with any Bridge Officer.

Calendar—Other meetings TBA by email, if added
May 27, June 24, July 28 Executive Committee Mtg by Conference Call
Sept 8-13, Fall National Governing Board Meeting, Raleigh, NC
Oct 17, Oktoberfest, Fairfax Yacht Club, VA. A Saturday
Nov 5-8, Mid Atlantic Fall Ed. Conference Gettysburg, PA

<https://americasboatingclub.org/>

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New Meeting Information. All are welcome.

General Membership Mtgs at Alexandria Police HQ Community Rm, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 7:30 pm, until further notice, are:

- on the **2nd Tues of each month** except no mtgs in Aug. and Dec.
- The May and Oct. mtgs are combined with other events on different days., normally Spring Picnic and Fall Picnic on Saturdays.

Executive Committee Mtgs, 7 pm: by Conference call or new location. Contact Executive Officer for conference call number and codes or location. Normally 4th Wed. of each month. There are speaking procedures for these meetings to be sure business has time to be discussed. Just ask about them.

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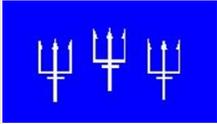
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Message from the Commander



Mid May 2020

Ahoy,

“The sea’s in my veins, my tradition remains...”

In this time of perfecting social distancing, this is a great time to brush up on your boating education. There are several distance learning and online resources for self-education from ABC in this newsletter.

Are you and your craft “Ship Shape”? Make sure that you and your boat are ready for the water. If you have been spending more time inside, and not doing a lot of physical activity, get out on your boat. Get your boat safely ready to sail or power up the Potomac river and back again. I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Humbly at the Helm,

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Sea Scouts News

Report from Mike Taylor, First Mate, Sea Scout Ship 1942

Unfortunately, the National Capital Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, of which Sea Scouts is a part, has had to cancel all summer camps and events due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The good news is the Sea Scouts have continued weekly training via Zoom, along with weekly meetings, and one-on-one advancement counseling. Last night's meeting was super-well attended, great preparation and planning evident. Mike regularly drives from Northern Virginia to Solomons, MD to check on the boats' bilges and lines.



The Annual Fundraiser date is TBA.

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 and learn, find adventure, and build long lasting friendships. Programs for young men and women ages 14-20.

Visit <https://www.seascout1942.com/>

Message from SEO Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP

I'd like to share a couple of things you may also enjoy.

Good online course website

The Sea Scouts shared a educational website with me that delivers interesting and useful free sail training. It's [NauticEd.com](https://www.nauticed.com/) by a New Zealander and if you are a good sailor, this will make you a better sailor. If you are an old salt, this just might make you unbearable because no matter how experienced you are there are some nuggets to gain from the online experience. Start with the free-bees and decide if continuing is worth it to you. I completed Small Boat Skipper, Skipper (30+ sloop), Rules of the Road and Sail Trim. I find it worth it since it complements our programs rather than competing with U.S. Power Squadrons training. It's free!

New sailing movie: Greyhound

Look out for this new movie starring Tom Hanks, called *Greyhound*, based on a 1955 C.S. Forester novel, *The Good Shepard*. It features a US Navy Commander assigned to defend a merchant ship convoy under attack in 1942 Battle of the Atlantic in World War II

It has the same attention to detail as his novels of the character in the Royal Navy, Horatio Hornblower, during the Napoleonic War era. The original title captures the Protestant metaphor that runs throughout the film, specifically the leadership, devotion, commitment and sacrifice if necessary for the good of the convoy. A movie of the same name about the CIA came out a decade ago, so this film is *Greyhound*, the ship's call sign. This film was scheduled to be released June 12, but is delayed due to the pandemic.

Freshwater Fishing Regulations **From Virginia Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries website**

<https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/new/>

as of April 19, 2020. Please check their website for updates and additional information.

Fishing License Information

Every person who is required to have a license to fish, hunt, and/or trap must carry such license with them (electronic copy, printed paper, or annual hard card) and show the license immediately upon request of any officer whose duty it is to enforce the game and inland fish laws, or upon the demand of any owner or lessee, or any employee or representative of such owner or lessee, upon whose land or water such person may be hunting, trapping, or fishing.

Residency Qualifications

1. Persons who have been a bonafide resident of the city, county, or state for six consecutive months immediately preceding the date of application for license;
2. Persons who have been domiciliary residents of the state for at least two months upon approval of a completed affidavit to be furnished by the Game Department;
3. Legal voters in Virginia;
4. Any member of the armed forces of the United States, or a member of the immediate family of such a member as defined in § 2.2-3101, upon execution of a certificate of residence if the member (i) resides in the Commonwealth, (ii) is on active duty, and (iii) is stationed at a military installation within, or in a ship based in, the Commonwealth;
5. Students (including nonresident students boarding on campus) residing in Virginia who are enrolled in bonafide Virginia schools;
6. Any unnaturalized person who owns real estate in the county or city and who has actually resided there not less than five years next preceding the date of the application for the license in the county or city where they qualify.

Exceptions

All persons, except those listed in this section, at <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/licenses/>, must purchase the proper licenses before fishing.

Where to Get a License

Online at [GoOutdoorsVirginia.com](https://www.GoOutdoorsVirginia.com):

- **Create Your Customer Account:** The new Go Outdoors Virginia site allows you to create a unique customer account to access licenses and products that apply to you based on age and residency.
- Existing Customers:** Log in using your date of birth and either your DGIF Customer ID or your previous year's DGIF license number and license year. Select the license(s) you want, pay with your credit card and print your license if needed.

In Person:

- Sold by some clerks of the Circuit Court and hundreds of license agents around the state. To [find a license agent](#) visit Go Outdoors Virginia

By Phone/Mobile Phone:

(804) 367-1000 during regular business hours, or use your [Go Outdoors Virginia mobile app](#).

License Fees

The issuance fee is included in the prices at <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/licenses/>

- Resident and nonresident licenses are valid for one year from the date of purchase unless otherwise noted.
- * A valid trout license (annual or lifetime) is required in addition to other resident licenses only if you are fishing in designated stocked trout waters (October 1–June 15).



Returning Speaker, Date TBA

Mary Loose DeViney,

**Regional Coordinator, Blue Ridge and Northern
Virginia Area Boating Safety Education, VA Dept
of Game and Inland Fisheries**

If Your Name is Here...

THOMAS AHERN JR., EVELYN ALLS, GALE ALLS, LORAIN PREVAUX ALONSO, ROBERT ALONSO, GUY ARNOS, KATHLEEN ARNOS, LAWRENCE BAHL, W. THOMAS BALLEW, SAMUEL BARR, RONALD BOSCO, DWIGHT BUES, JOAN BURG, CHARLES CLEVELAND, MARY CLEVELAND, KENNETH CLICK, RICHARD COHEN, ETHAN COIT, DOUGLAS CRAIG, JERE DANDO, NANCY DANDO, TRACEY DAVENPORT, GEORGIA DEBELL, ELIJAH DEVINE, MARY JANE DODSON, CHRISTOPHER DUBIA, DENISE DUBIA, JEAN DURGIN, RICHARD DURGIN, W. BEN FULTON III, MARGARET GALLAGHER, SEAN GALLAGHER, SUSAN GALLAGHER, FRANKLIN GARCIA, JOHN GENCO, JON GIBNEY, JUDITH GRASS, STEPHEN HAAGA, ANN HALL, JOHN HARMAN, ALAN HART, MARY HART, CAMERON HEADTKE, ROBERT HUGHLETT, CHARLES HURLEY, NORBERT HYMEL, EDWARD JONES, TYLER JONES, SUE KARJALA, JOHN KARJALA, DOUGLAS LAYNE, WALTER LAZEAR, DEAN MARKUSSEN, AMIR MARTIN, THOMAS MARTIN, RUDY MORALES, ISABELLA MORALES-TALERO, SEBASTIAN MORALES-TALERO, G. JAY NELSON, MICHAEL O'DELL, MERCEDES OLVIERI, H. DAVID O'MALIE, EDWARD PHILLIPS, DENISE ROBINSON, TABB SCHAEFFER, KEITH SEGERSON, JANET SEGERSON, CATHY SHEFFIELD, YEUAN-MING SHEU, MISSY SOWERS, PATRICK SOWERS, BLANCA XIMENA TALERO, GARY TISA, SUSANNA TISA, CINDY UNIS, RICHARD UNIS, FRANCIS WILLIAMSON, GEORGIA WILLIAMSON, ETHAN WILNER, WILLIAM WRIGHT, CLAIRE WYNGAARD, JAMES YE, JIANGFENG YE, THOMAS YE, CINDY ZUGAY, FRED ZUGAY.

We have a new America's Boating Club Northern Virginia name tag for you. These new name tags are being furnished to our members by the District 5 Henry Sweet Trust at no cost to the member.

Your New Name Tag is Free

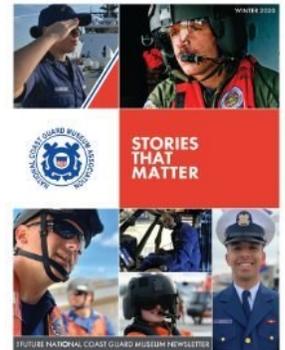
The new name tags may be picked up at our next monthly general membership meeting or at future membership meeting or social functions. If you have questions please contact P/C Gale Alls, at (703) 569-1511 or

The National Coast Guard Museum Project

The National Coast Guard Museum Association is committed to building a world-class Museum that will not only honor the heritage of the U.S. Coast Guard, but also provide to the public a gateway to discover Coast Guard life. Interactive exhibits, programs, public and private partnerships, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-based educational programs and leadership training opportunities are expected to be a formidable part of the Museum experience.

Get Inspired! <https://www.coastguardmuseum.org/>

Sign-up for the free Museum Association newsletter



New name for DGIF: Dept. of Wildlife Resources



Effective July 1, 2020, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) will change its name to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.

The name is being changed because the demographics of Virginia and mission of DGIF have changed. The name DGIF has lost its relevance to the general public and non-sportsmen. Today many are not familiar with the terminology of "game" animals. Also, the department's mission and wildlife management responsibilities now extend far beyond game species.

The new name, Department of Wildlife Resources, should be more readily recognizable to all citizens. It should assist the department, which is self-funded by license sales, in attracting new customers and funding sources.

By Jean Durgin



Message from the Educational Officer

Even as we are constrained from meeting as a group, national educational staff at the Power Squadron has encouraged and authorized hybrid and online courses. Virginia is one of the few states that do not recognize the online America's Boating Course because they insist on a proctored exam. In the spirit of getting members trained in new skills to be safe and competent on the water, I'd like to offer a **Piloting course online via Zoom** on Saturday AM (1030-1300) starting at the end of June. Tentative dates look like 27 June -- but not 4 July – 11, 18, 25 July and 8, 15 August. The exam is take-home and you will have a week to complete it. The exam is not hard, but sloppy work and easy mistakes cost points that add up. I have some great test pointer prep from Jay Nelson who ensured everyone aced the past exam.

Piloting includes Inland water and coastal navigation using GPS, aids to navigation, and plotting on charts. No prerequisites. More course info at:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/courses/piloting>

For more information, to ask about other courses, and to register, contact Educational Officer Dean Markussen, MMarkussen2@comcast.net, 703-751-9178

U.S. Power Squadrons and the BoatU.S. Foundation have teamed up to offer you these online courses:

1. Cruising Boats and Systems
2. Weather for Boaters
3. Planning for your Cruise
4. Propane Systems on your Boat
5. AIS Electronics for Boaters

6. How to Use Your GPS
7. All About Marine Radio
8. Rivers, Locks and Lakes
9. Crew at the Helm
10. Hurricane Preparation



Take these courses at www.AmericasBoatingClub.org

Become a Certified Vessel Examiner and learn how to conduct Vessel Safety Checks
Study Manual is Available Online

The VSC program is a very important ongoing public service effort sponsored by the USCG Auxiliary, America's Boating Club and BoatUS.

Volunteers are needed for more outreach to public.

Visit <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=welcome>

Come join the program! Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN at 703-777-8378 or at skipperunis@gmail.com



6' Social Distancing Estimates for Boaters

- * One patched and inflated rubber dinghy (paddles optional)
- * Two Striped Bass (size based on fisherman's story)
- * Three Herring Gulls (beak to tail, pooping on your deck)
- * Six NVSPS burgees (flying in gale force winds)
- * Six life vests (USCG approved for 90 pound adult, orange)
- * Seven emergency red flares (end to end, new or expired)
- * Eight print copies of Tars & Terns (any issue)
- * Twelve Chesapeake Blue Crabs (steamed with Old Bay Seasoning)
- * Add your own ideas: _____



Stay well, everybody – Jean & Dick Durgin



State Government Websites

The State government websites are the direct sources for most updated rules regarding activity and travel restrictions and re-openings due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Visit these sites for latest info:

Virginia: www.Virginia.gov

Maryland: www.Maryland.gov

District of Columbia: www.DC.gov

Something we shared on our Facebook Page:

The United States Lighthouse Society has news and videos at <https://www.uslhs.org> and a YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/uslighthousesociety/featured>

S.S. John W. Brown Living History Cruise - August 8, 2020 (date as of press time in mid May)



If you are a student of World War II history and love old ships, consider signing up for this cruise aboard the restored Liberty Ship S.S. John W. Brown, in Baltimore, MD.

- music of the 1940's,
- historical re-enactments
- fly-bys of vintage WWII aircraft with the ship's Armed Guard gunners manning the guns to defend the ship.
- tour the crew quarters, bridge, flying bridge, wheelhouse, radio room, mess rooms, troop berthing areas, stern gun deck and the magnificent 140-ton triple-expansion steam engine.



On the Great Lakes in year 2000

General admission for adults and children is \$225.00 (\$200 for groups of four or more). Lunch is included. check out www.ssjohnwbrown.org, call 410-558-0646 or email john.w.brown@usa.net. S.S. John W. Brown is one of only two operating Liberty Ships. remaining out of 2,710 built nationwide during World War II.

ABC LIVE!

New weekly online magazine show from United States Power Squadrons® For Boaters By Boaters™ with practical tips for coping — and thriving — during these challenging times.



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June Birthdays

Franklin P. Garcia	6
Richard E. Unis	10
Ben W. Fulton, III	17
Steven C. Haaga	20
William M. Russell	28

20th Anniversary Celebration of Sailing

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