



NVSPS Starts The New Year Off With A Bang!

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REMINDER:

Squadron Annual Meeting via Zoom — Tuesday, March 8, 2022 @ 7:30pm Eastern Time



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Meeting Info: If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a Bridge Officer to confirm in-person meeting will be held before heading out.

General Membership Mtgs are currently held via Zoom at 7:30 pm, until further notice. Login information for meetings will be distributed by email and available from Bridge Officers.

- on the **2nd Tuesday of each month**
except no meetings in August and December
- The May and October meetings are combined with the Spring Picnic and Fall Picnic which occur 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.

Please see previous issues online. If you do not have internet access, ask the editor to mail you a copy. For more information about anything in this newsletter, contact editor@nvsp.org

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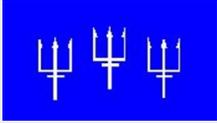
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Message from the Commander



Mid February 2022

Welcome Aboard!

That is a phrase we have not heard much over the last two years as folks have been social distancing. Here's to welcoming friends, family, heck even some strangers on to our boats again soon.



Two years ago, I had not even thought too much about being a member of the squadron, and even less about becoming Commander after 20 years away. It took two great Past Commanders that I grew up respecting and looking up to, to get me to come around to the idea. When my father passed in December of 2019, I had so many nostalgic memories of the good old days on the boat. Rendezvous at Solomons Island, cruising to Atlantic City, Predictive Log contests on the Potomac, picking crabs in Crisfield, and a bunch of old guys wearing Red Socks on Saturdays to name a few. Sometimes nearly a hundred people would spend the hot summer weekends together at marinas, sharing meals, memories and sometimes a few cocktails together. Those were the days. I remember going to the Basic Boating classes chock full of boaters, learning the basic skills needed to safely operate crafts up and down the creeks, rivers and bays in Northern Virginia and Maryland.

Those days are memories and my, how times have changed, but our mission is still the same. Educate the public on safe boating. Over the last two years we have had many challenges, but with the hard work of our education team, we still found a way to teach some students. Our amazing, dedicated Vessel Safety Inspectors visited marinas and made sure as many people that wanted them got inspections and reassurance that they had at least the minimum equipment to be safe on the water.

The last two years were not easy, but our organization still did what we could to make the waterways safer. I hope my time as Commander is not remembered for the things we couldn't do, but remembered for folks that still got something done for others.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and to be a small part of successes that we had.

Wishing you all fair winds and following seas,

Patrick Sowers
Soon to be Past Commander



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Nominations Are Open for All NVSPS Positions

Nominations will be accepted for 2022-2023 Service year for NVSPS, up until Election Day, March 8, 2022 (2nd Tuesday).

Elections will be held at the Tuesday, March 8, 2022 meeting. All officers are elected for a single year at a time. Some have served for several years and would like to be relieved. If you are interested in any elected position, please contact P/C Alan Hart, AP at 540-898-6002 or 1oldtar@gmail.com. Please note that the first character in Alan's email address is the numeral "1."

The elected positions are:

- ⇒ Commander
- ⇒ Executive Officer
- ⇒ Administrative Officer
- ⇒ Education Officer
- ⇒ Assistant Education Officer
- ⇒ Secretary
- ⇒ Treasurer
- ⇒ Plus 5 Members-at-Large
- ⇒ Plus Members of 3 Standing Committees



- ◆ The Squadron Commander is our elected leader. He/she officiates at meetings and supervises the other Bridge Officers. Our By-Laws limit the Commander to two consecutive terms.
- ◆ The Executive Officer supervises the committees in his/her department and substitutes for the Commander when necessary.
- ◆ The Administrative Officer supervises the committees in his/her department. We have not had an Administrative Officer for the past several years, but the duties have been done by the Secretary and the Commander.
- ◆ The Squadron Education Officer (SEO) supervises the squadron's education courses and programs.
- ◆ The Assistant Squadron Education Officer works directly with the Squadron Education Officer (SEO) on the squadron's education courses and programs. The Assistant Squadron Education Officer also substitutes for the Squadron Education Officer when necessary.
- ◆ The Secretary records minutes of meetings and handles personnel records, including correspondence with District and National.
- ◆ The Treasurer keeps the squadron's financial records, writes checks and receives payments.

- ◆ The 5 Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee are your elected representatives and each has a vote at meetings. Contact them if you have an issue to be brought before the Executive Committee.
- ◆ A member may normally only hold one of the twelve listed offices at any one time, but may be a committee chair in addition to being a Bridge Officer. I (P/C Alan Hart, AP) have held them all, except for Treasurer, Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer, and found them to be very enjoyable and rewarding.

The listed elected officers, along with the most recent Past Commander available and willing to serve, make up the Executive Committee, also known as the Board of Directors. All are elected for one year terms, and may be re-elected, except for the Commander, who is limited to two consecutive terms.

The Rules Committee periodically reviews the By-Laws and recommends changes and updates, to be voted on by the membership. It is composed of six members, two of which are elected for three-year terms, each year. The Chair is selected each year by the members of the committee.

The Auditing Committee audits the squadron's financial records and accounts each year. Its three members are elected for three-year terms, one per year. The Chair is the member with the longest term of service on the committee.

The Nominating Committee nominates candidates for elective office, to be voted on at the squadron's Annual Meeting. Other candidates may be nominated by petition to the squadron Secretary, or from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Its six members are elected, two per year, for three-year terms. The Chair is selected annually by the committee members.

More position detail is listed on our public website By-Laws page:

<http://nvsp.org/byarch/2012bylaw.pdf>

Elections are held annually, at the squadron's Annual Meeting. All members in good standing who are present are entitled to vote. There is no provision for absentee voting or voting by proxy at this time.

- Respectfully submitted by P/C Alan Hart, AP, Nominations Committee Chair



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The following members of America's Boating Club Northern Virginia are nominated for the offices indicated for the 2022—2023 bridge year. Elections will be held at the Squadron Annual Meeting on March 8, 2022. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander	Lt Denise Robinson
Executive Officer	P/C Charles Hurley, JN
Administrative Officer	Vacant
Education Officer	Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP
Assistant Education Officer	Lt Claire Wyngaard, P
Secretary	Lt/C Evelyn Alls, P
Treasurer	P/C Frederick D. Zugay, JN

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- P/C Alan Hart, AP
- D/Lt Walt Lazear, AP
- P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP
- P/C Richard E. Unis, JN
- Position Open

RULES COMMITTEE

- P/C Richard E. Unis, JN
- P/C Gale Alls, SN
- P/C Richard Durgin, JN
- P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP
- Position Open



AUDITING COMMITTEE

- P/C Richard E. Unis, JN
- P/C Francis Williamson, AP
- Position Open

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- P/C Alan Hart, AP
- P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP
- P/C Richard E. Unis, JN
- Position Open
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* NVSPS Member Birthdays *



JANUARY

Gardenia Kross	1
Gale Alls	1
Claire Wyngaard	13
Sue Karjala	17



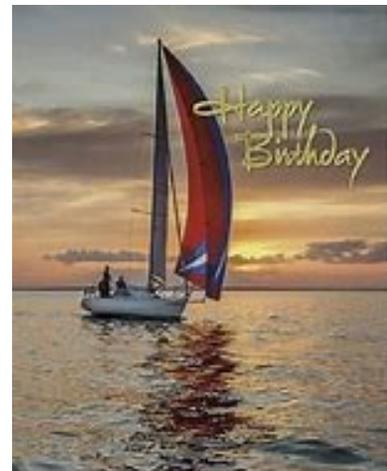
FEBRUARY

Kathleen Arnos	20
John Karjala	22
Dick Durgin	23
Robert Alonso	26
Keith Segerson	27



MARCH

John Genco	5
Mary Cleveland	8
David O'Malie	9
Charlie Cleveland	10
Margaret Gallagher	13
Lawrence Bahl	15
Douglas Craig	25
Bob Hughlett	25



The Sea Scout Ship 1942 live auction will be **Open from Mar 6 -20, 2022.**

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron

You Help Keep Our Sea Scout Ship Afloat!!

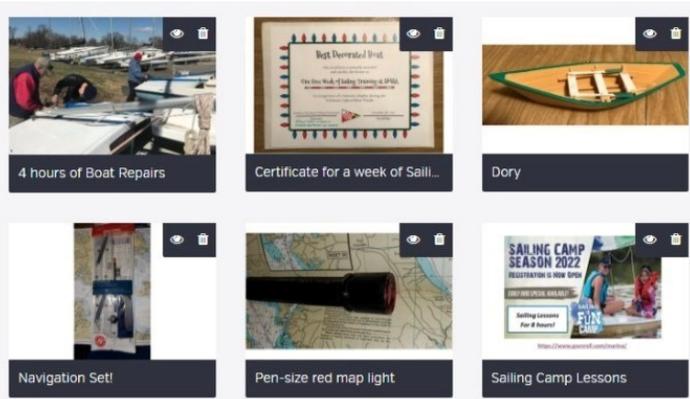
By Quinn Eero Laffey, Ship 1942, Quarterdeck Specialist

Sea Scout Ship 1942 typically holds a silent auction-style fundraiser in March of each year. We collect various items and services our Ship is able to provide, put them together in a big auction, and hold a massive dinner where invited guests can come and bid.



Since we still have COVID-19 meeting restrictions, we have made arrangements to conduct our fundraising activity via a website. So, as we did last year, Ship 1942 moved its annual auction online for the second year in a row.

Using the online auction website, Betterworld, Ship 1942 youth and adults were able to organize and host a full-fledged auction. To get the word out, each youth and adult member of the Ship plans to craft invitation emails to be sent out to all of their friends and family – one Scout plans to send out over 180 invitations! The Auction will start on Mar 6, and will close on March 20, 2022.



We plan to post over 70 items on the Betterworld Auction site, and we have some pretty interesting items for folks to bid on too: Sailing lessons, very cool nautical artwork, some great boating gear from West Marine, sailing day cruises on the Chesapeake, artisan bread-making lessons, and even handyman repairs for either your boat or around the house! If you would like to participate and bid or just donate to our Ship, here is the Auction web-link:

<https://sss1.betterworld.org/auctions/2022-sea-scout-ship-1942-online>

In the end we hope to reach our funding goal, and to raise enough money for our Ship's activities. The money raised goes directly towards our boat slips, maintenance costs, insurance, and keeping the price of Sea Scouting low for our members.

On behalf of our entire Ship 1942, we thank you in advance to everyone who may visit our website, donate items, bid, and give cash donations to our cause.

As we say: *You Help Keep Our Sea Scout Ship Afloat!*

<https://www.seascoutship1942.org/>

District 5 2022 Spring Conference

The District Five Spring Conference is scheduled for March 31—April 3, 2022 at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel and Conference Center located at 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842. For more information, please visit [Home \(uspds5.org\)](http://Home(uspds5.org)) .



Breaking News:

New U.S. Coast Guard Fire Extinguisher Regulation Effective April 20

12 year expiration for disposables and different carriage requirements for older, newer model year vessels

Information at: <https://www.boatus.com/news-room/release/boatus-new-us-coast-guard-fire-extinguisher-r>



Photo #1: A new U.S. Coast Guard regulation for disposable fire extinguishers mandates a 12-year expiration date from the date of manufacture.

Photo #2: A new U.S. Coast Guard regulation aims to increase use of a newer class of disposable fire extinguishers. A “5-B:C” class is shown here.



For more information, please visit [Annapolis Boat Shows | Annapolis Boat Shows](#)



BAY BRIDGE BOAT SHOW
APRIL 21-24, 2022
Stevensville, MD



ANNAPOLIS SPRING SAILBOAT SHOW
APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2022
City Dock, Annapolis, MD

Donate Your Old Sails To Be Recycled By Sea Bags

Story and photos by Lt Claire Wyngaard, P



The old *Justice* mainsail approx. 40'6" X 15'5". *Justice* on right.

I donated our old *Justice* mainsail to Sea Bags (www.SeaBags.com) in Annapolis in December 2021. They accept donations of old sails in good condition and offer a gift in exchange. Our old sail, from the previous owner, had been taking up valuable space in our attic for 12 years. Dave and I got it down the narrow attic stairs, then down the main stairs and unfolded it on the lawn. We took a photo for Sea Bags so they could see the general condition. I think it weighed about 20 pounds.

I emailed the photo and dimensions to Sea Bags to see if it was something they could use. They positively replied and I dropped it off when I was going that way anyway.



Fair well to the old sail, accepted by Sea Bags. This sail was reefed a lot since the previous owners did not have a storm sail for their ocean passages. This resulted in the top part of the sail being stretched out more than the bottom.

They weighed it and referred to a gift value chart to see which free gift I could choose in return. They let me choose among their many \$150 bags! It was hard to choose, as you can see from their website, they had many designs and colors. I made my choice from the Watercolor Collection which Dave is holding in the photo and I bought a smaller matching bag to go with it! No regrets!

More than bags, Sea Bags makes door mats, lounge chairs, pillows and baskets and you can design your own bag online.



Sea Bags has reclaimed over 700 tons of sails since they started in 2020. Through their Sail Trade Program, they can arrange for proceeds from a Sail Drive to go toward a charity. See a video and read stories from their program at www.SeaBags.com – choose Explore Tab and Trade a Sail submenu.





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