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**A UNIT OF DISTRICT 5 OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**



# NANSEMOND LIGHT

## AUGUST 2009

### Commander's Message

Well, my wishes came true and I want to thank everyone who had a chance to visit our D/5 event in Cape Charles. We had eleven (11) boats arrive and three (3) members who were able to drive over. Out of a total D/5 participation of 82 boats, 11 were Nansemond River. What a great showing. Speaking of showing, there was no doubt who Nansemond River was. Mary and Norman Fisher, along with Kim and Matt Schulze, put together a wonderful weekend. Thank all four of you for all your efforts. We had a blast!

#### 2009 Bridge

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Coming up, Rendezvous Mile Marker Zero! Our squadron will be hosting the Dick Pond Blind Dinghy Race. This event is always the highlight of the weekend, so come on down and show off the new squadron T-shirts. You need to sign up and give us your shirt size. Last call is the meeting on 11 August.

Lilly Stone has put together a wonderful DayTripper to The Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe in Hampton on 29 August. Make sure to get your name on the list. We will have a morning to explore some great U. S. history followed by a lunch in Hampton. We hope to see you there.

Where do you buy your boat stuff? West Marine, local retailers or online? Well, there is a new source in town, Boaters Co-op. This is a new franchised business that has just started in Hampton Roads and they are open for business. Matter-of-fact, they are our speakers this month. So come on out and find out what is new. This is a franchised business that is starting to spread all over and now it is here. If you have a boating buddy who is not a member, this is a great reason to bring them out. They can learn more about NRPS and also something about Boaters Co-op.

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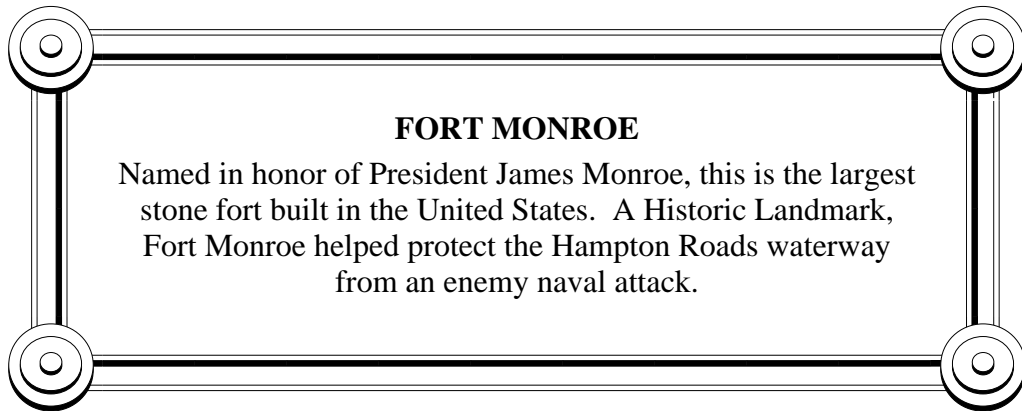


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Speaking of boat stuff, mark your calendar for our auction on 24 October. We need to collect your items in advance so they can be sorted and properly displayed so please call me and I will get by to pick them up. My cell is 576-8700. It is only 90 days away so start thinking about what you have and what you are looking for.

See you-all on Tuesday, 11 August, at 1830 at Plaza Azteca.

Cdr Lin Hanbury, P



### **Nansemond River Power Squadron Web Site**

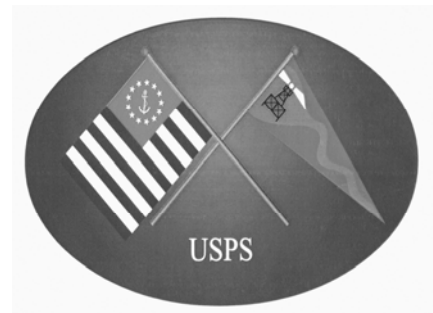
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### **Nansemond River Power Squadron Newsletter**

*Nansemond Light*

Submit articles for September newsletter by 26 August  
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# NRPS Magic

## Executive Officer's Report

**Volunteers Needed!** Having sent a signup sheet around at the last general meeting, we came up short of volunteers for the National Marina Day event on Saturday, 8 August. We need more Vessel Examiners and afternoon Greeters at the D/5 South Education Trailer at Bay Point Marina for the 1300 (1:00 PM) to 1700 (5:00 PM) shift. The Vessel Examiners will be performing vessel safety checks at both Bay Point and Little Creek Marinas located adjacent to each other on Pretty Lake Avenue. Lunch will be provided. Please call me at 646-4282 to volunteer. You are the NRPS Magic! We don't have the magic without you.

Thank you to those who have already signed up. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Happy 45th Anniversary NRPS!** Our September General Meeting marks the 45th Anniversary of the Nansemond River Power Squadron. Come celebrate. Also, while at the upcoming general meetings, sign up for the Smithfield Cruise on Columbus Day weekend in October when Smithfield will be having their annual Town and Country Day.

Happy Boating starts with Safety!

Lt/C Bob Eure, AP

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 ★ Lin and Cheryl Hanbury have made a donation to ★  
 ★ Nansemond River Power Squadron ★  
 ★ In Loving Memory of George Morrison ★  
 ★ Thank you to the Hanburys for their thoughtfulness ★  
 ★ in remembering George in this way. ★  
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## Squadron Educational Officer's Report

Thanks to Frank Brown, Lin Hanbury, Brenda Wallace and a write-up in the Suffolk News-Herald, we had 12 students in our ABC class at Gatling Pointe Yacht Club—ages ranging from 11 to 81 years “old”.

### CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2010:

<b>Navigation</b>	12 AUG 1830 (6:30 PM)	Instructor: Tom Chapman Prudential Towne Realty 3328 Western Branch Blvd, Chesapeake Cost: \$180
<b>Piloting</b>	16 SEPT	Instructor: Fletcher Beadles Main Street Methodist Church 202 N. Main Street Suffolk, VA 23434
<b>Instructor Development</b>	TBD	Instructor: Frank Brown
<b>Weather</b>	TBD 2009	I have one volunteer and Need one Instructor
<b>Marine Electronics</b>	JAN 2010	Instructor: Ron Murphy Location TBD
<b>Seamanship</b>	TBD	Instructors: Art Aikin and Brenda Wallace
<b>Instructor Re-Certification</b>	Fall 2009	Instructor: Lilly Stone NO COST (about 2 hours)

Remember to sign up early for classes so we can order the books. Call me at 335-2558 or 399-0051 or sign up plus order books for Piloting at the August General Meeting. And, don't forget our 29 August outing to Fort Monroe—We meet at 11:00 AM.

Put education and fun on your calendar!

Lt/C Lilly T. Stone, JN



## A View of the D/5 Rendezvous

What a glorious weekend it was when Districts 5 and 27 mass-converged on Cape Charles for their annual end-of-July rendezvous! And for those of us experiencing such a gathering for the first time, it was fantastic! I was so proud to be a member of the Nansemond River Power Squadron as we made our presence felt throughout the event. Of course, that was relatively easy to accomplish when the entire group showed up Friday night dressed like male and female Popeyes, complete with sailor caps and tattoos (I did find out later that nail polish remover does indeed remove temporary ones!!).

For Frank and me, it was a series of firsts...first time crossing “big water”, first time spending the night aboard our boat, and even the first time for our dog to be on a long trip! And for us “newbie’s”, it was a wonderful experience, made possible by the wonderful members of Nansemond River and without whose help and friendship the trip would not have been such a resounding success for us!

Excellent food was had by all, even if it seemed that we were always being fed last, but drinks were plentiful and camaraderie made all the difference. Our own “cocktail party” Thursday night was such fun...and it was hard not to notice that our group was the most boisterous, party-hardy squadron in attendance (I trust we didn’t keep too many people awake!). Friday’s seafood fest was yummy, even if we did have to wait in an extremely long line, in the sun, in the heat, in the humidity...

The mayor made us feel welcome in her town, even offering prizes for visiting merchants in town on Saturday. Then came the awards night and once again Nansemond River shined brightly! Rumor had it that a certain wife of a past commander (and current officer) brought lady luck with her and it didn’t disappoint this time (I was thrilled to be a winner myself!). And several of our members did well in the “sporting events” that took place throughout the weekend.

All in all, a great time! And now that the “bug has bit us”, you’ll find Frank and I attending LOTS MORE in the future! Once again, a huge thank you goes out to everyone who made this trip to Cape Charles so special and memorable for us!

By Grace Brown

### THE CASEMATE MUSEUM

Located within Fort Monroe’s walls is the cell of captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis and many other exhibits about Fort Monroe and the Coast Artillery Corps.





## Courtesy And Common Sense

Thus far, we have discussed checking our equipment and vessels prior to the boating season, the use...and misuse...of radar, and the importance of education as they apply to boating safety. But all of these, and, in fact, most all safety equipment, is useless unless it is utilized in conjunction with courtesy and common sense.

By courtesy, I mean slowing down for the small skiff passing in the channel and going around—not through—the pod of boats anchored and fishing at the Monitor Merrimac, even though they are in the middle of the channel. Also, allowing the slower, larger vessel the right-of-way even though they are the give-way vessel and obeying no-wake zones and operating slowly in marinas and other congested areas.

Common sense is probably the most underused safety tool we have at our disposal. I recently observed a skipper twist a 60-footer under power and “palm beach” it into the slip. I know this looks impressive and at times can be necessary for large sport fishers in unprotected surroundings. But this was in a well protected marina on a calm day. I have seen what happens when the boat loses power during this maneuver and it is definitely not impressive and can be dangerous to the passengers and crew of the vessel as well as those standing on the dock.

Common sense also means knowing your limitations as a captain and not putting yourself or your vessel in situations you are not equipped to handle. It means not assuming your guests know how to help undock the boat, or know the difference in starboard and port. Common sense means not assuming every boater knows and obeys the rules of the road.

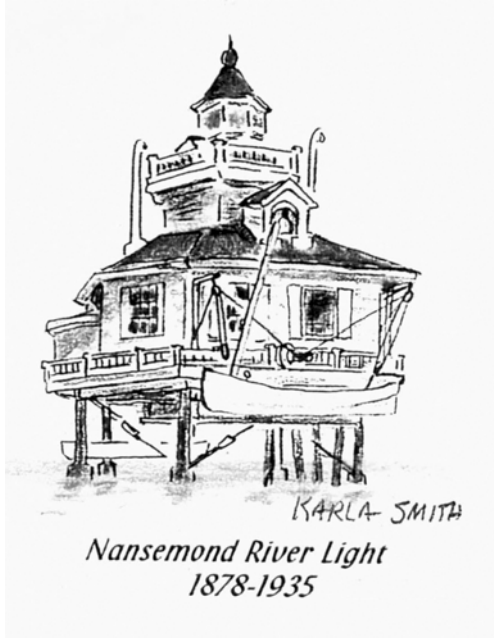
In summary, safe boating involves keeping your equipment in good working order, knowing the limitations of that equipment as well as your own limitations, continuing your education through the various USPS courses, being courteous to the other boaters with whom you share the water, and aware of your surroundings at all times.

Lt Art Aikin, JN  
Safety Officer

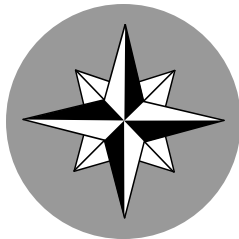


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## Schedule of Events

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| 8 Aug    | National Marina Day, Bay Point Marina  |
| 11 Aug   | General Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk<br>1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner & Meeting |
| 29 Aug   | DayTripper to The Casemate Museum, Hampton   |
| 4-7 Sept | Treasurer's Cruise, Tidewater Yacht, Portsmouth                                      |
| 8 Sept   | General Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk<br>1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner & Meeting |
| 9-11 Oct | Executive Officer's Cruise, Smithfield Station, Smithfield                           |
| 24 Oct   | Annual Fundraising Auction, Weaver's Barn  |