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Commander's Message

With less than three weeks to go for the D/5 Summer Cruise, efforts are well under way to make this a super fun event for Nansmond River. Mary Fisher, with the assistance of Kim Schulze, is preparing attire for our squadron that will long be remembered at D/5. Our goal is to make sure that Nansmond River stands out and is recognized and, from the reports I have been hearing, this should be a mission accomplished. The last report is that we have eight boats planning to attend. This will be a joint effort between D/5 and our southern neighbors, D/27. There may be a waiting list by now, but I would encourage you to come to this event. D/5 cruises don't get any closer to home than this and we need your NRPS support. It should be a blast!

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Approximately thirty days after the D/5 event will be our scheduled Rendezvous at Mile Marker Zero. We will be assisting Dick Pond in his Blind Dinky Race and will need help from all of you. As in the past, we will have the appropriate attire so that NRPS will stand out. Mary will have a sign up sheet available for all who plan to come. We will need to get a count for shirts with the appropriate size. Dick has done a wonderful job with this event and we want to continue to support his efforts. So please sign up and let's have a good time.

Did you renew your membership? July 1st was the deadline and I know a few of you have not renewed. Nansmond River can not remain the greatest of squadrons without your continued support. It is not too late! Please everyone check to make sure you have paid.

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Wanted—Experienced Boaters! Do you know of someone at your marina who is not involved with USPS? Get them signed up. Part of our purpose in being an organization is to educate the public. We need experienced boaters who can help with this.

This month's meeting will be a special one. Rana and Donnie Weaver will be presenting our squadron's awards to the winners of the children's poster contest. These local winners and their parents have been invited to this month's meeting to be presented our squadron's awards. Their participating schools will be presented their awards in the Fall when they reopen for the new year. Rana and Donnie deserve a great round of applause for their efforts in getting this program started in our squadron. Thank you both for all you do!!

See you-all on Tuesday, 14 July, at 1830 at Plaza Azteca.

Cdr Lin Hanbury, P

P.S. Make sure Bay Creek is on your schedule!!!!

Nansemond River Power Squadron Web Site

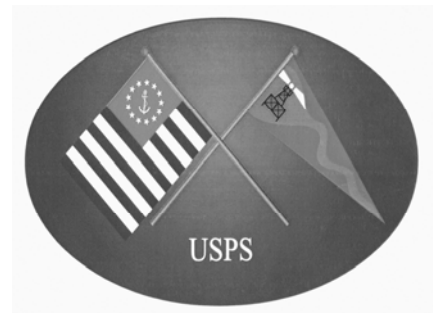
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Executive Officer's Report

Outreach: National Marina Day will be on Saturday, 8 August, this year. We have committed our squadron's support for this day in Virginia Beach. We will need volunteers to support the Education Trailer and Sea Vester at Bay Point Marina in shifts from 0900 (9:00 AM) to 1700 (5:00 PM). We will need Vessel Examiners to perform vessel safety checks at both Bay Point and Little Creek Marinas. Please sign up to volunteer at the 14 July General Meeting. If you can help but can not make Tuesday's meeting, call me at 646-4282 to volunteer. You can learn more about National Marina Day at <https://www.marinaassociation.org/nmd>.

The **Public Relations/Marketing/Liaison Committee** chairman, P/C Donnie Weaver, AP, and Rana will be presenting awards to the winners of the local children's poster contest. These local winners and their parents have been invited to this month's general meeting on 14 July to be presented the awards. Please provide them a warm welcome and help to spread the good word about our organization's purpose to promote safe boating.

Safety: P/C Art Aikin, JN, as the Squadron Safety Officer, has written an article promoting a new slogan, "Take a Class and Tell a Friend". Be sure to read his safety article in this month's news.

Vessel Safety Check: P/C Larry Rountree, AP, as the VSC committee Chair, continues to receive VSC reports. On par with last year, our goal is to exceed last year's VSC record.

Legislative: GPS satellites are at risk of dying before their replacements are up and online. GPS area outages have been forecasted for next year. President Obama removed LORAN (Long Range Aid to Navigation) from the 2010 budget in March. The Coast Guard maintains LORAN as backup to GPS. A conference was held to discuss GPS risks. Several government agencies are working to get funding to keep LORAN operating. Other issues are being addressed to improve new generation GPS satellite launch schedules.

Norfolk Harbor: I've received unofficial word that the "No Wake" zone of the Norfolk Harbor has been extended. Be alert to changes, allow more time for longer no wake passages, and expect more waterway law enforcement presence.

Summer Rendezvous Help Needed: Help is needed to execute the Dinghy Poker Run at 1300 on Friday, 24 July, in Cape Charles. If you can help, call Richard (Dick) Nitschke at 757-440-9069 to volunteer with me.

Happy Boating starts with Safety!

Lt/C Bob Eure, AP



Squadron Educational Officer's Report

2009 CLASS SCHEDULE:

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| Safe Boating Class | 8 AUG | Marina Cost: FREE Call to Register & for Directions |
| Navigation | 12 AUG 1830 (6:30 PM) | Instructor: Tom Chapman Prudential Towne Realty 3328 Western Branch Blvd, Chesapeake Cost: \$180 |
| Weather | TBD 2009 | Looking for Instructor |
| Marine Electronics | TBD 2009 | Instructor: Ron Murphy (Waiting for new books) |
| Seamanship | Late Summer 2009 | TBD |
| Piloting | Fall 2009 | Instructor: Fletcher Beadles |
| Instructor Re-Certification | Fall 2009 | Instructor: Lilly Stone NO COST (about 2 hours) |

Remember to sign up early for classes so we can order the books, etc.

Put education and fun on your calendar!

Lt/C Lilly T. Stone, JN

★★★
 ★ Bob and Brenda Wallace have made a donation to ★
 ★ Nansemond River Power Squadron ★
 ★ In Loving Memory of George Morrison ★
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 ★ Thank you to the Wallaces for their thoughtfulness ★
 ★ in remembering George in this way. ★
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Administrative Officer's Report

The cruising season is passing quickly so don't miss out on some great upcoming cruises.

Our next cruise is the D/5 Summer Rendezvous 23 - 26 July. Plan on attending as it is a fun event at a great marina. If you haven't already done so, check for availability and make your reservations quickly. You will also need to sign up for the District events so, if you are planning on attending, come see me for "sign up" forms.

Our next meeting is 14 July at Plaza Azteca in Suffolk. . The social starts at 1830 (6:30 PM) and the meeting starts at 1900 (7:00 PM). See you there!

Lt/C Mary Fisher, P

Webmaster's Report

Our website continues to draw visits from the US and even overseas. In June, we had 107 visits to our site, with 684 pageviews. Most of the visits were to our Event Photo page, a very popular site as folks like to see what NRPS has to offer. That is why it is very important if you are doing anything for the squadron to try to have a camera available and in use!!

The website will be adding a link from the Members page to show pictures of the boats in our squadron. If you can, please send me a photo you'd like to have on this page. Otherwise, I will use photos taken at various functions.

I also maintain the DB2000 database, where we maintain our membership information. The new 2009 roster will be available at our 14 July meeting, holes punched and ready for installation into your Nansmond River PS roster and notebook. Please keep us posted of any changes in your information.

Lt Frank Brown, S





Take A Class.....And Tell A Friend

We are big on slogans at NRPS and I would like the above to become part of our squadron speak as well as our attitude. During the first months of 2009, we lost an unusually large number of people in boating related accidents, both here in Virginia and other areas along the Atlantic seaboard.

If you read the Coast Guard findings on most of the incidents, they found that in 95% of the cases, the individuals involved had not taken ANY type of boating safety or handling course and that if at least one of the crew in each case had taken a class, the incident would probably not have happened, or at least all of the involved would have probably survived. Why? Because almost all of the incidents were caused by things we teach and talk about in our ABC and Skipper Saver courses at NRPS.

Things like never anchor a boat from the stern. Pay attention to the weather before you leave the dock. File a float plan. Understand the relation between the free board of your vessel and the average wave height in the area you are boating. All of these things are talked about in our courses and even highlighted by stories in many cases. So, if the victims had taken a course, they might still be alive. Think about it.

Let's all take a class. Some of our members have not even taken the ABC course. If you have taken the basic courses, then sign up for Seamanship or Piloting. Our spouses could benefit from Skipper Saver. I know your captain may be experienced, even licensed, but experienced, licensed captains have heart attacks every day. And let's tell a friend about the importance of taking a boating safety course. They may not feel they have time or the need to join our squadron, but make them understand that they owe their family and friends the benefit of an educated captain as well as a safe boating experience.

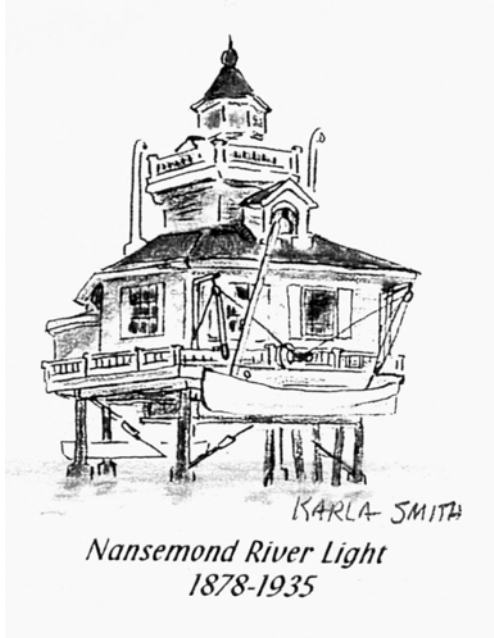
Remember that our goal is to save lives on the water...so TAKE A CLASS AND TELL A FRIEND.

Lt Art Aikin, JN
Safety Officer



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ON THE WATER



Schedule of Events

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| 14 July | General Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk 1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner & Meeting |
| 23-26 July | D/5&D/27 Summer Rendezvous, Cape Charles Admin Officer's Cruise, Bay Creek, Cap Charles |
| 8 Aug | National Marina Day, Bay Point Marina |
| 11 Aug | General Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk 1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner & Meeting |
| 4-7 Sept | Treasurer's Cruise, Tidewater Yacht, Portsmouth |
| 9-11 Oct | Executive Officer's Cruise, Smithfield Station, Smithfield |