

**NANSEMOND RIVER POWER SQUADRON**  
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# NANSEMOND LIGHT

## NOVEMBER 2009

### Commander's Message

Well, it is now November and all the cruises scheduled for Nansmond River have been successfully recorded in our history book. We finished up with our cruise to Smithfield Station. Many thanks to Donna & Bob Eure for making that a good time for all. I also want to extend our appreciation to Angus Hines for inviting us all to his boat for our Saturday evening cocktails. It was a great time.

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Last week, we had our annual auction which was another great success for our squadron. We had over 50 people attend, including guests from our neighbors, The Virginia Beach Power Squadron and The Colonial Power Squadron. Our net profit for our squadron should end up around \$1,200 after all expenses. This is a great shot in the arm for NRPS and I want to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the event. Plus a lot of us brought home some really neat stuff.

As we get into the fall and winter months of the year, our squadron will continue to have activities. Our November meeting will bring us back to Plaza Azteca with a guest speaker who can give us some insight on the proper way to winterize our boats. So there should be something there for all of us to pick up on.

In December, we will not have a meeting but rather a Squadron Holiday Party at the Hanbury house. Mark your calendar for 6 December between 1400 (2:00 PM) and 1800 (6:00 PM). There will be plenty of goodies including oysters and clams. So dress appropriately to do some shucking.

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January will bring a special Daytripper organized by Ron & Bonnie Murphy. We will visit The Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum and will conclude with a meal at Margarets & Rays Restaurant. You may want to visit the museum on their website. It looks to be a great Sunday afternoon.

March will bring us to our Change of Watch, which is scheduled for 13 March. We will have more on that later.

And, finally, the best news of all—Ron Murphy has gotten final approval for the Flares For Life event to be held at Tidewater Community College's campus here in Suffolk. Ron will be getting all the wheels turning for this event very soon. He will need all of our support for this event. Please join in on this life saving project that promises to be very rewarding for us and our squadron.

That is all for now. Hope to see you-all at Plaza Azteca on 10 November at 1830 (6:30 P.M.) and hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Cdr Lin Hanbury, AP

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

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

*Nansemond Light*

Submit articles for December newsletter by 23 November  
Contact Lt Donna Eure, S, Editor, at [dceure@aol.com](mailto:dceure@aol.com) or  
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## Executive Officer's Report

**Flares for Life:** Agreements were reached with TCC Campus at Pig's Point for our Flares for Life event in April 2010. Please mark your calendars and let me know how you would like to participate.

**Safety:** Be sure to read Art's safety article. With colder temperatures arriving, Art offers several safety tips to help you prepare your boats to ease into the winter months.

**District 5 Event:** The **Fall Education Conference** is coming up on 5-9 November in Rockville, MD. If you plan to attend, room reservations can be made by calling 1-301-458-1100. Conference activities will take place at the Rockville Hilton Hotel. See the District 5 website or the Fall 2009 Mark 5 for more details.

**National Event:** The **USPS Annual Meeting 2010** will take place at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Disney World in Orlando, FL. Be sure to mark your calendars for 1-6 February 2010 for this exciting location and event. If you ever needed a good reason to go to Disney World, this would be it!

**Preparing for 2010:** The NRPS Bridge has approved taking a membership survey to use to plan 2010 events. The survey has proven to be effective to increase member participation at our past events. I will be providing survey forms for you to fill out at the November and January general meetings. Be sure to attend the November general meeting for the announcement of the 2010 slate of officers and attend the January Annual meeting to vote.

Happy Boating starts with Safety!

Lt/C Bob Eure, AP

# NRPS Magic



## Squadron Educational Officer's Report

Well, the INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT Class got started but had to be put on hold until next year. So, if you want to take the class, you can still sign up. This class only takes four (4) evenings. Call me at 335-2558.\*

INSTRUCTORS — PLEASE CHECK when your licenses expire.\*\*

### CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2010:

<b>Navigation</b>	In Progress	Instructor: Tom Chapman
<b>Piloting</b>	In Progress	Instructor: Fletcher Beadles
<b>Instructor Development*</b>	Mondays* 1900-2030 (7-8:30 PM)	Instructor: Frank Brown Paul D. Kamp Community College Kenyon Road—Room 124 Cost: \$25.00
<b>Weather</b>	TBD 2009	I have one volunteer and Need one more
<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>	As Needed	Instructor: Lilly Stone NO COST (about 2 hours)

Put education and fun on your calendar!

Lt/C Lilly T. Stone, JN



## Administrative Officer's Report

With the boating trips over for the year, remember there are still lots of events coming up. November, we have a regular meeting on the 10th at Plaza Azteca, starting at 1830 (6:30 PM) for conversation with the meeting starting at 1900 (7:00 PM). We have speakers coming from Airtime Watersports to talk about winterizing your boat. Art Jeffries and Larry Holcombe will discuss best practices on how to make sure your boat makes it through the winter without any problems.

On 6 December, 1400 (2:00 PM) to 1800 (6:00 PM), the annual Holiday Party is being held at Lin and Cheryl Hanbury's house. As always, there will be lots of good eats and drinks and conversation to put you in the Holiday mood. So put this on your calendar as you don't want to miss it.

On 24 January, Ron Murphy is sponsoring a day tripper in Virginia Beach. We will be going to the Military Aviation Museum and then having a late lunch. The museum has a website so you can check them out. It's [www.militaryaviationmuseum.org](http://www.militaryaviationmuseum.org). The museum is close to Pungo so plan on a full day of activity. I will have a sign-up sheet as well as more details at the meeting.

Even though the date is far out in 2010, the Change of Watch is scheduled for 13 March at Cedar Point. I haven't finalized the dinner details yet but put the date on your calendar so you won't have any conflicts.

See you at the meeting.

Lt/C Mary Fisher, P



## Cold Weather Boating



Many of our members, myself included, like to striper fish this time of year. Other members use their boats to go on winter outings or participate in holiday festivals such as the parade of lights, etc. Therefore, I thought it might be helpful to review and discuss some things that are different when it comes to operating our boats in colder temperatures.

First, if you have diesel engines, remember to turn on the block heaters. I leave mine on all winter to help keep the boat warm, but if you only turn yours on when you plan to use the boat, remember to turn them on the day before you plan to sail. This will ensure that the engines are warm and should start normally. If you have gas engines, be sure to warm them up for 15 to 20 minutes after starting before leaving the dock. Also, be aware of condensation in the fuel lines and tanks. With temperature changes and ethanol fuel, this can present real problems. Keep your tanks 95% full during the winter. This is also not a bad practice for diesel tanks as well.

At colder temperatures, take things a little slower. Why? Because non-skid fiberglass surfaces are a little more slippery, lines are stiffer, especially if they are damp from the frost the night before, and you are a little less agile because you are probably wearing more clothes than normal. Heavy coats or long wool pants make many tasks more difficult, so take your time. Speaking of clothes, be sure to dress in layers in cold weather. As any outdoorsman can testify, you do not have to go overboard to suffer hyperthermia! If you over exert getting under way and then the sweat soaks into your clothes, you will become cold and can easily slip into hyperthermia, even with air temperatures in the 40-degree range. I recommend taking off your outer layer whenever you are going to be active for a period of time. I also recommend wearing polypropylene type undergarments similar to the ones made by Under Armour. These should be the layer next to your skin since they wick moisture away and dry quickly.

If you are on the hook for some period of time, remember that cold temperatures are killer on batteries. Use as little power as possible while anchored. Also, salt water WILL freeze if the temperature gets cold enough, especially in some of the tributaries where the water is more brackish. Be aware of the surfaces of the boat and keep a canister of Morton's salt handy. It may not be good for the gel coat, but it can be washed off later, and it beats going overboard!

A little planning, common sense, and a slower pace can make cold weather boating both safe and fun extending the use of your boat into the winter months.

Lt Art Aikin, JN  
Safety Officer



## Colonial Sail and Power Squadron's Dinghy Poker Run

The Colonial Sail and Power Squadron will host the largest dinghy and kayak event ever. All proceeds will benefit the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point, Virginia. The Poker Run will begin at noon on Saturday, 17 April 2010, at Salt Ponds Marina in Hampton, Virginia.

Participants can take part either by racing a dinghy or by setting up a table at Salt Ponds to sell items. All entries pay a \$20 registration fee, which enters one boat or rents one table. Participating Dinghy entries can begin their run from any of the participating marina locations and all entries will finish at Salt Ponds Marina Basin. Participants raise money for their dinghy by collecting sponsorship donations from friends, neighbors, and coworkers at their local dock, marina, boating club or squadron, or elsewhere. All funds collected are donated to VIMS. If you set up a table, you can bake, sell or serve any appropriate items as long as the proceeds go to VIMS.

Supporting VIMS makes perfect sense for power squadron members because they can appreciate the role that VIMS plays in addressing issues related to the challenges that face our coastal ocean, Chesapeake Bay, and living marine resources such as blue crabs, oysters, striped bass, and sea grass.

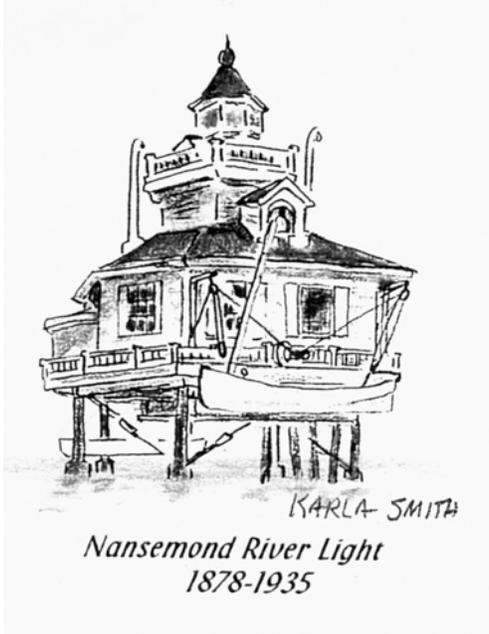
During the event, dinghy crews will visit marinas and designated locations along the Bay waterfront, receiving a playing card at each of seven stops. When they return to Salt Ponds, their best five-card hand will be assembled from the seven cards they receive. Winners will be announced and prizes will be given in many categories. There will also be food, beverages, and all things marine and nautical for sale at the Salt Ponds basin the day of the event. Proceeds from all sales will go to VIMS.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Bill Walsh, Public Relations Officer for the Colonial Sail and Power Squadron, at 757-880-8820 or [bwalsh@walshlec.com](mailto:bwalsh@walshlec.com). Entry forms are available at local marinas and boating and marine supply stores.

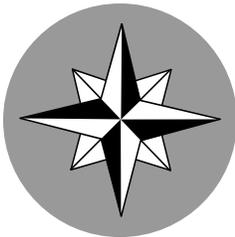


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## Schedule of Events

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| 10 Nov | General Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk<br>1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner & Meeting |
| 6 Dec  | Holiday Open House, Hanbury Residence, Suffolk<br>1400 (2:00 PM) to 1800 (6:00 PM)   |
| 12 Jan | Annual Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk<br>1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner & Meeting  |
| 24 Jan | Day Tripper to Military Aviation Museum, Virginia Beach                              |