

**NANSEMOND RIVER POWER SQUADRON**  
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# NANSEMOND LIGHT

## OCTOBER 2009

### Commander's Message

Here we are in the month of October and we are preparing for our final cruise. We end our cruising season with a trip to Smithfield Station. Donna & Bob Eure are the ODs for this trip and they have laid out a weekend of activity throughout the town of Smithfield. It should be a great ride with milder temperatures and the trees starting to turn color. Hope to see you all there!

#### 2009 Bridge

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Our annual auction is 24 October. Don't forget, we are back at the Magnolia Ruritan Club. Cocktails at 1730 (5:30 PM), dinner at 1800 (6:00 PM), and the auction starts at 1900 (7:00 PM). I have collected some neat stuff from some of our members. Please either call me to pick it up or bring it with you to the Magnolia. We will start setting up around 1600 (4:00 PM), so come on out, bring your treasures, and shop hard for those items you can't live without. Hey, it isn't too early to start that Christmas shopping!! Catering will be provided by Rodman's Bar B Q, the price is \$13.00 per head. Always good and plenty for everyone!

Since our last letter, we have had a successful turnout at Rendezvous Mile Marker Zero. The blue shirts could be recognized from any point of the marina. A big thank you to Dick Pond for his efforts with the Blind Dinghy Race and I do appreciate everyone's participation in the event. Gail and Art Aikin put on a great cocktail party and brunch during the event. As always, there was plenty of great food, beverage and fellowship. Again, thank you to all who were involved with that weekend.

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Our last general meeting was to celebrate our squadron's 45th birthday. Joyce and Drex Bradshaw put on a wonderful presentation and brought many items that have been passed down over the years. Joe Bishop was present to represent the charter members of the club. It was wonderful to have Joe there and be able to listen to his stories from the past. We ended the evening with a huge slice of birthday cake. Joyce, Drex, and Joe, thank you all for sharing those memories!

With the auction taking the place of our general meeting this month, we will resume our regular schedule in November with a meeting on 10 November at Plaza Azteca. During the month of December, there will not be a general meeting but we will celebrate the holidays with an open house at the Hanbury's on 6 December from 1400 (2:00 PM) to 1800 (6:00 PM)

Please come and join us for all this fun and celebration. I look forward to seeing you there!

Cdr Lin Hanbury, AP

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

*Nansemond Light*

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## Executive Officer's Report

**Boat Shows:** In an Annapolis, MD, tradition, the 40th (sail) and 38th (power) annual editions of the nation's oldest and largest in-water boat exhibition in the form of two major boat shows are scheduled for October. First will be the In-Water Sailboat Show from 8 to 12 October. Then, there will be the In-Water Powerboat Show from 15 to 18 October. General admission tickets are \$17 per person. The specific location of the shows will be the City Dock & Harbor with hours generally from 1000 (10:00 A.M.) to 1800 (6:00 P.M.).

**Safety:** Be sure to read Art's safety article. You don't want to find yourself in a situation where something isn't on board or doesn't work on your boat when you need it the most.

**Flares for Life:** We continue to move forward on planning this event. Planned for April, it will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars and let me know how you would like to participate.

**District 5 Event:** Coming up on us quick is the **Fall Education Conference** on 5-9 November at Rockville, MD. 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!

**Other Events:** Check [www.poquosonseafestival.com](http://www.poquosonseafestival.com) for details of the Poquoson Seafood Festival 16-18 October. The event will occur at Poquoson Municipal Park at 830 Poquoson Avenue. Check out the food, entertainment, and arts and crafts. Also, the Yorktown Victory Celebration will occur 17-18 October with parades, enactments, encampments, and fireworks.

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**Executive Officer's Cruise:** We have a big last cruise weekend planned for Smithfield on Columbus Day Weekend, 9-11 October. Smithfield will be having their annual Town and Country Day. See you there!

Happy Boating starts with Safety!

Lt/C Bob Eure, AP

# NRPS Magic

★★  
 ★ Jim and Marian Morrison (George's brother) ★  
 ★ have made a very generous donation to ★  
 ★ Nansemond River Power Squadron ★  
 ★ In Loving Memory of George Morrison ★  
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 ★ Thank you to the Jim Morrisons for their thoughtfulness ★  
 ★ in remembering George in this way. ★  
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## Squadron Educational Officer's Report

Thanks to Frank Brown, we can finally get the INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT Classes started. Some of you have the old book (Instructor Development) and should be able to use that one, but, if you lost track of it, you need to call me and order a new one at a cost of \$25.00 per book. The whole course should take 3-4 evenings and finish with a short written test. The class will start as soon as everybody has their book. So—call me at 335-2559 or e-mail me at lilly.stone@gte.net.

### 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 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)

Put education and fun on your calendar!

Lt/C Lilly T. Stone, JN





## A Look Back

As another boating season begins to wind down, I thought it appropriate to look back and see how we have done from a safety standpoint. Overall, this has not been a good year for safe boating across our nation. Accidents are up as are fatalities compared to last year. The fact that fuel was cheaper this year and some people used their boats more instead of taking vacations may have contributed to this increase in incidents, but, regardless, the results are disturbing.

The good news is that Nansemond River, despite a few minor slips, did not contribute to this national trend. But complacency is a slippery slope at best, so let's see if we are taking the steps to continue to be an example of safe boating.

- a) Did you take time to teach another member of your crew how to operate the boat and secure assistance in case of an emergency?
- b) Speaking of assistance, when was the last time you checked the signal on your VHF? I recently checked mine and found I had a bad antenna even though the radio seemed to work for short distances.
- c) How about those life vests and other types of PFDs? Did you inspect them for wear and replace old worn jackets with new ones?
- d) Fire extinguishers—Did you take the time to knock the powder loose in all of the ones on the boat and check to make sure the inspection tags were up to date?
- e) During the season, I am sure you had need of band aids, first aid cream, aspirin, and other items for those minor cuts and bruises we all experience. Did you replenish the first aid kits for those items as well as checking and replacing any other supplies that might have reached their expiration dates?
- f) Sea cocks all lubricated and working properly? Winter is coming and we will be closing many of these. Nice if they close properly...and even nicer if they open properly in the spring!

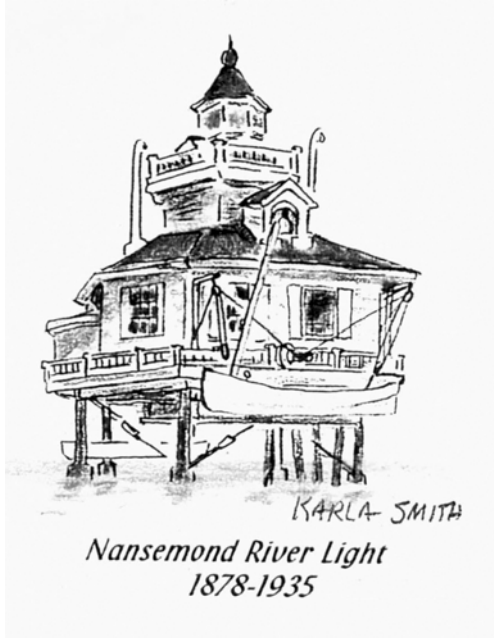
If you answered "No" to any of the above, maybe it would be a good idea to address the issue now before it becomes a safety issue later. Another thought is that with winter coming on and more free time from boating activities, now might be a good time to sign up for one of the many boating courses offered by the education department of our squadron. Remember that a knowledgeable boater is a safe boater.

Lt Art Aikin, JN  
Safety Officer

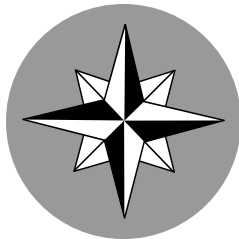


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ON THE WATER



### Schedule of Events

- 9-11 Oct     Executive Officer's Cruise, Smithfield Station, Smithfield
  
- 24 Oct       Annual Fundraising Auction, Magnolia Ruritan Club, Suffolk  
                  1800 (6:00 PM) Dinner  
                  1900 (7:00 PM) Auction
  
- 10 Nov       General Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk  
                  1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner & Meeting
  
- 6 Dec         Holiday Open House, Hanbury Residence, Suffolk  
                  1400 (2:00 PM) to 1800 (6:00 PM)