

**NANSEMOND RIVER POWER SQUADRON**  
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# **NANSEMOND LIGHT**

## **SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **Commander's Message**

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY NANSEMOND RIVER POWER SQUADRON!!!**

That's right, September, 1964, our squadron was chartered and this is our 45th birthday. In celebration of this event, our meeting this month will be our birthday party. We will have pictures and a presentation prepared and presented by Joyce and Drex Bradshaw and birthday cake for everyone. So come on out and take part in the celebration. This is for you because you are part of this great squadron.

A big thank you goes out to all those who participated in the Vining Group's Boater Appreciation Day. We had many people who participated with Sea Vester's trailer and doing VSCs. We couldn't make this squadron what it is without this kind of support, so again, Thank You!

Lilly Stone put together a great Daytripper which included a walking tour or museum tour of Ft. Monroe's casement. After, we met for a great Italian meal at a local Hampton restaurant. With 13 people attending, the fellowship and camaraderie was great. As boating season winds down, we look forward to more of these Daytrippers. If you have an idea for a good Daytripper, please let your Bridge know. We have one month in the winter that is still open. Let us hear from you.

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By the time you receive this newsletter, Rendezvous Mile Marker Zero will have come and gone. Hopefully, some of you will see it on the web before. Labor Day Weekend is always full of fun, food and beverage at RMM0. You can't go anywhere and get the volume of good time for that price. Gail and Art are the ODs for the event and have planned a little extra food, fun and beverage for the event. As typical of the Aikins, expect a first class good time!

Our auction is 24 October. A little change in the location—we are returning to the Magnolia Ruritan Club. So get your stuff together. You can drop it off at my place or call me and I will come and get it. Just call 576-8700. Start thinking now—it is only a month away.

Don't miss the birthday party! See you-all on Tuesday, 8 September, at 1830 at Plaza Azteca.

Cdr Lin Hanbury, P

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

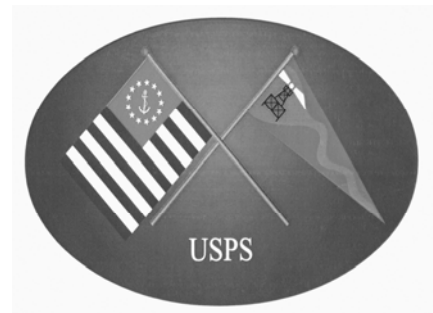
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### **Nansemond River Power Squadron Newsletter**

*Nansemond Light*

Submit articles for October newsletter by 30 September  
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## Executive Officer's Report

**Outreach:** National Marina Day was on Saturday, 8 August, this year. The Vining Marina Group sponsored National Marina Day activities at Bay Point Marina. NRPS members supporting the event were Bob & Donna Eure, Donnie & Rana Weaver, Mark Presson, Frank & Grace Brown, David & Mary Kaufmann, Ron & Bonnie Murphy, Larry Rountree, and Sea Vester. Volunteers received Certificates of Appreciation at the August General Meeting. Thanks again to those who supported this event!

**Safety:** Be sure to read Art's safety article. He shares that breaking some of the basic safety rules may land you into trouble and, unexpectedly, into the water. Put a new pair of boat shoes on your Christmas list.

**Flares for Life:** We continue to move forward on planning this event. April 26th will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars and let me know how you would like to participate.

**Happy 45th Anniversary NRPS!** Our September General Meeting marks the 45th Anniversary of the Nansmond River Power Squadron. Come celebrate.

**Executive Officer's Cruise:** We have a big last cruise weekend planned for Smithfield on 9-11 October, Columbus Day Weekend. Smithfield will be having their annual Town and Country Day. Be sure to sign up at the General Meeting where Lin will have more details to share.

Happy Boating starts with Safety!

Lt/C Bob Eure, AP

# NRPS Magic



## Squadron Educational Officer's Report

### CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2010:

<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 September General Meeting.

Put education and fun on your calendar!

Lt/C Lilly T. Stone, JN



## Webmaster's Report

Due to my concern regarding providing too much information to outside elements, the page for Event Signups has been placed in a password protected folder on the website. If you wish to see who has signed up for any of our trips, you must have a userid and a password. If you wish this information, you should contact me at either 357-5705 or 472-4178. Once you enter this information, it will be retained on your own computer.

Also, FYI, I have updated the Bridge Page to show links for our various committee chairs. This way the information for all NRPS contacts is on one page and you don't need to click all over the place.

Lt Frank Brown, S



### ITEM OF INTEREST

Check out the nice photo and article about "Flares for Life" on page 27 of the Sept/Oct issue of The Ensign.





## The Little Things That Trip Us Up...

I think that sometimes safety is like many other things today in that we get caught up in the high tech and lose sight of the real objective. We all know about self-inflating PFDs and radios equipped with DSC, not to mention the new types of flares available. But recently, I was reminded that it is the little things that can cause safety issues on the water.

A member of our squadron recently took a bad fall into the water after stepping on a water supply hose which was laying under a carpet across the stern of his boat by the transom door. I had observed this situation on several cruises, but did not see the danger until the member went overboard. I have observed another squadron member, who likes to keep their boat in Bristol condition, washing the boat in their bare feet. I once observed a professional mate on a large sport fisher go shooting off of the bow while washing the boat in his bare feet. You would think he would have known better, especially since the boat did not have a bow rail!

On one occasion, due to high winds in the harbor, I had the stern lines crossed on Reel Blonde even though we were entering and exiting the boat through the transom door. Gail went to step off the boat and just at that moment the wind gusted, pulling the lines tight. Her back foot caught and she fell into the dock. Thankfully, it was a floating dock and the boat was close enough that she did not fall overboard or hit her head. Still, she ended up with a nasty bruise and it could have been much worse. I knew not to cross the lines when using the transom door for this very reason, but had done so because we were only going to be on the boat "for a little while". Sometimes that is all the time it takes for an accident to happen. I am sure in most of these cases if the person had taken the time to consider the situation, they would have done things differently.

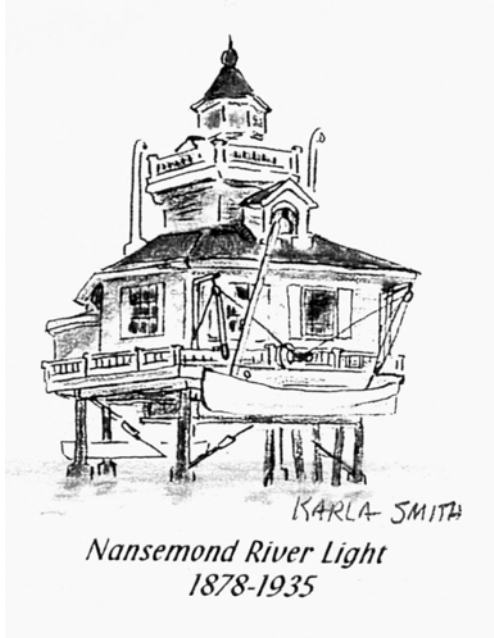
So, for the remainder of the boating season, let's take the time to consider the situation and what we are doing from a safety standpoint while around the dock and our boats. As I tell all of my students in the ABC course, one of the most important safety items you can take on your boat, and the one most often forgotten, is your common sense. Let's apply our knowledge and common sense out there and be safe.

Lt Art Aikin, JN  
Safety Officer



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ON THE WATER



### Schedule of Events

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| 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, Magnolia Ruritan Club, Suffolk                           |
| 10 Nov   | General Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk<br>1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner & Meeting |